

Cristobal Yáñez and family

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Beloved brethren and churches of the Lord Jesus Christ,

We begin this year with lots of enthusiasm, commending ourselves to the Lord in every endeavor.

The first Sunday of January we celebrated the Lord's Supper in Llano Marin, and the brethren from the Penonomé and El Edén missions participated.

It was also good to start the year with a fellowship meeting of the workers from the different churches of the country. This was held in our Instituto Educativo Cristiano office in Santiago, and missionary Robert Creech shared a Bible teaching with us that was a great blessing to those present.

Regarding the Learn with Jesus Project, we are awaiting the first delivery of books to be distributed in early March of this year. Thanks to the generous support we received in 2022, we were able to pay the entire costs of this first printing. I dream of seeing these books in the hands of the students. Our method this year will be to donate the books in the Indian areas and other remote areas that don't have access to internet or the Ministry of Education platforms. Secondly, we will send digital copies each trimester to the schools in the urban areas for them to print themselves. Thirdly, we will produce virtual classes in audio and video, which will be broadcast by radio, the educational platform, YouTube and other media. Please pray for our team and for some of the tools that we need to do the recording of the virtual classes.

God continues to open doors for His Word to reach people through the educational systems. It was great to spend ten days with missionary Michael Lea in Ecuador. We visited various schools in this South American country and distributed bilingual copies of Learn with Jesus to hundreds of students.

Upon returning from Ecuador, a new challenge in this ministry was accepted; the opportunity to develop the series for the junior high grades, 7 through 9, and thus to reach young people in the 13 to 15 age bracket. By faith I have accepted the challenge, and trusting in God's provision, I've taken the first steps to throw ourselves into this new endeavor. The needs are great, but believe me, it is great to see the smile of a child or young person when they study the Bible for the first time, and much more joyful yet to see those who have received Christ.

The team which accompanies me in this great labor, including my daughters, continue to serve with love, dedication and hard work in this project of God.

The radio program "Walking with God" continues to gain listeners. My son-in-law, Wide Morgan, is serving the Lord full time by faith, and has been a big help in the radio ministry and other areas. We continue to broadcast our program each day, Monday through Friday, for the Central Provinces. Next Saturday, February 11th, our program will begin to be broadcast at 8:30 am on a new station aimed at the Ngöbe-Bugle Region, with a potential audience of 300,000 listeners. Thank you for helping our messages go out on the airwaves and reach thousands of homes.

The missions in the areas of San Lucas, Penonomé, the El Edén camp, and El Perú are moving forward with the plan of discipleship. In San Lucas the construction of the building advances step by step, and several people are waiting to be baptized and to be part of the body of Christ there. Likewise, we will have baptisms soon in the camp in the New Life mission.

Discipleship continues to be the key along with training the workers who are available and willing to serve the Lord in His work.

A group of young men who are potential leaders spend many hours with me and are involved in different ministries. In this way they grow spiritually and get trained to serve.

Please pray for our family camp, February 18 through 22, in which over 200 brethren from the different Baptist churches of the area will participate. Brother Michael Lea will be our speaker this year. Please pray for the great need we have to build a roof capable of holding 250 people or more. We need this to be able to have the various events: retreats, conferences, seminars, training programs and camps here at El Edén. It will be a blessing to the churches of the country.

Please receive the heartfelt greetings of our family. We work together with a mind and heart desiring to see God's work here increase much more; to see souls saved, baptized, new workers and new congregations throughout the country.

Thank you for your love and generosity toward us and the work that God has put in our hands.

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