



Stephen Charlotte Matthew Jonathan

Stephen Byrd Family

*Flying South With the Gospel
To the People of..*

*"Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift
bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks
may be given by many of our behalf"*
2 Corinthians 1:11



October 21, 2011

Dear Pastor Combs Jr. and Atlas Community Baptist Church,

Furlough Send Off/Baptism

The Lord enabled us to strengthen the churches for our return for furlough. Those who finished the discipleship program and the teacher's training course are now serving in the churches. To more adequately minister to the children needs, a children's church service was begun after the workers were trained how to conduct this ministry. Just before leaving the Lord blessed with ten people being baptized. Our final service was very special as the people surprised us with a wonderful send off of testimonies, gifts, a dinner, and encouragement to return soon.

Stephen's Cataract Surgery

Since arriving for furlough Stephen has had cataract surgery for both eyes. Immediately afterward he encountered secondary cataracts and was scheduled for follow up surgery. One of the eyes has received the follow up surgery; the other will be treated soon. Please continue to pray for his vision.

Meetings

It is a joy to renew acquaintances and make new friends as we go to our churches and let everyone know how grateful we are for their helping us reach the lost in Ecuador. We appreciate the wonderful treatment by everyone. The Lord is blessing the meetings and we are encouraged. As we have gone witnessing with the churches we have had the opportunity to meet some Latinos and God has blessed with some coming to church.

Churches in Ecuador

We continue to receive good reports from our churches in Ecuador. The attendance in the Albonor church is growing and the church at Huancavilca is stable; both continue to have visitors. We rejoice that souls have been saved; a special blessing was that one of the saved was from the children's church service that was recently begun. September was mission month for both churches. The Lord blessed as all were encouraged and challenged.

Matthew and Jonathan

Matthew has been blessed with the opportunity to receive his master's degree in communication. This September he became a graduate assistant at Liberty University. This opportunity is paying for his tuition degree. Jonathan is enjoying his senior year of high school. He is a starter on the school's soccer team and the editor of the school paper.

Thanksgiving Greeting

As we take time next month to reflect on all our blessings and give thanks we want to begin now. Thank you for all you mean to us. We are grateful you are part of our life and ministry. Happy Thanksgiving.

Please *send* any *correspondence* to our *Mission Office address* listed below.

Grateful for your faithful prayers and support,

Stephen, Charlotte, Matthew & Jonathan

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