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KJV Jude 1:2 Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.

Hello from Ecuador. I pray that this letter finds you well and blessed in our Lord. It is a blessing and a privilege to serve a God of mercy, peace, and love.

Pray for Ecuador! Crime due to drug cartels and gangs has caused turmoil, with people voting this past weekend to give the military police powers to help. The whole country is also suffering under seven hour rolling blackouts to conserve energy due to drought conditions and lack of maintenance of the power grid due to corruption by officials in the government. Twenty-one different officials are under investigation due to the power grid falling apart. I am seriously considering purchasing a power generator to help with refrigeration. We are also transitioning to cooking on propane burners like most Ecuadorians do although Tammi prefers cooking on her electric stove and oven. We can always grill if we need to. We sometimes lose water during the black outs because there is no power to pump water. We try to keep buckets filled with water to help with toilets and washing hands, but we may need to install a water tank and cistern as well. We do buy filtered water to drink and cook with. All this makes for challenging times.

We continue to disciple almost every day of the week. I have added two new men that I have a Bible study with each week. Tammi has also started a couple of new studies, one on Saturday and another on Friday. People desperately need Bible knowledge to be able to make correct life decisions. Pray for Dayana, who is a member of the mission here in El Quinche, she has been unfaithful to services and Bible study, but doesn't see that as her problem. Instead she thinks that God is punishing her. We continue to counsel and demonstrate the love of God, praying that God will work in people's lives. On a positive note, a former member of the mission, Pedro, has started coming to services again. Tammi has been navigating the social medicine bureaucracy to help Carmen, an older lady that is a member of the mission, with hearing aids and general health. It has been a time-consuming endeavor but a foreigner showing interest opens doors. On February 14, I baptized two people whom Carlos is discipling in his group Bible study. We are starting to fill up the place where we meet at each service also.

I want to thank everyone for your prayers for our family's health. We have climatized to the altitude and are doing better health wise. We are working on losing weight and exercising.

We appreciate your prayers and support!
In Christ,
Michael Lea and family

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