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SS
Lesson
during
Lent ~
Jesus
Washes
His
Disciple's
Feet

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***"I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6***

Saludos friends, family, and church families,

Grace and peace to you in the Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We pray this mission letter finds you well, full of hope, and filled with His Goodness. To God be the Glory!

Mission News for March ... dearest people of our hearts, thanks be to God and to many of you personally and our faithful supporting Churches who blessed the lives of many children and their families with your prayers and financial support again this past month. Ecuador continues to navigate around the Gang/Cartel Crisis that is now mostly affecting the Coastal Region, where we live. When out we're super-careful, extra mindful of our surroundings. Life IS getting better day by day, but the ongoing curfews continue to cause extreme problems for those who had jobs with evening hours. Due to the mandatory curfew there are no normal working hours, no pay for a full day's work (\$18) and that means less food in many households. Praise Jesus we were blessed to give all those we serve another much needed Food Bag in March. You will never fully know this side of Heaven how much each child and parent needs this extra food and how thankful they are and blessed and loved they feel when receiving any extra food. Normally the Food Bags are filled with Breakfast items but since School is out for Summer Vacation we felt that Food Bags with items to make lunches (the big meal of the day) would be best. Everyday life continues to be extra challenging for many as this Country is doing their best to get this Crime-Crisis under control, and although life is slowly returning to our normal, Ecuador still has a ways to go before peace and safety are fully returned to this normally peaceful, safe Country. Thanks be to God for His Faithful provision through 'others'. The monthly Food Bags are so very needed. And dear people, all the children and youth pictured in our Monthly Mission Updates are part of our Ministry fold ... they are faithful to be in Church for Saturday and Sunday Ministries. And this lovely bunch of children whom God gave us to love and serve into the Kingdom will start a new School Year on April 29. Every face you see in our Mission Updates will need a required backpack, required school uniform, required school shoes, required school supplies and required items such as hand sanitizer, toilet paper, etc. [Required] and they will not be allowed to attend school without having all those items on April 29. Dear people the majority of our parents and grandparents cannot buy all those items for 1 child or grandchild, 2 or 3 siblings is impossible. But everything is possible with God! The parents will be responsible for their children's uniforms and God willing we be able to help with the other required items. Please keep praying with us for His Provision. Thank you for your faithfulness to pray for us and for your help in supporting His mission in this place alongside us. Dios le pague! ~ God will repay you! †

God bless you many Kingdom people for the blessings you are to those we serve and to us. For being His hands and feet. For being part of the Mission of Jesus in this place. For loving God and loving others. For being a faithful message of love to hundreds of families. The following will tell a little more of our **March Story**. Overflowing with the Goodness of GOD. ALL the Glory goes to HIM. Without the empowerment of HIS Holy Spirit, and people and Churches like many of you, we could not even begin to be here. Thank you!



Vacation Bible School ~ VBS CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES
VBS Bible Lesson ~ LET ALL THINGS PRAISE THE LORD
Focus Verse ~ Salmos 150:6 ~ Psalm 150:6
"¡Todo lo que respira alabe al SEÑOR! ¡Aleluya!"
"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord."

THURSDAY VBS DAY 1

Bible Lesson ~ Psalm 118:24



VBS-Thursday, Friday, Saturday, VBS Presentation Sunday-No Regular Saturday Ministries this Month

FRIDAY VBS DAY 2

Bible Lesson ~ Psalm 68:19



SATURDAY VBS DAY 3



Bible Lesson ~ Psalm 28:7

VBS 2024 ... our first Vacation Bible School since 2019. As we were all set to begin VBS March 2020 we all know what came next, Ecuador experienced a complete Countrywide shutdown for the next 2 1/2 years. And so, everything was taken down and put away; VBS daily lesson coloring sheets and VBS theme craft materials. Little did we know at that time that the year 2024 would be when we would be able to get those VBS items back out and finally use them to glorify God as planned, 4 years earlier!

VBS March 2024 - 90+ children participated on each of the 4 VBS days; The Lord's Prayer, The Apostles' Creed, Music sung to Heaven, a new Bible Lesson each day, Lesson-themed coloring sheets with the Lesson's focus Bible Verse, VBS Theme Craft, and lots of Prayer. The children enjoyed a snack Thursday and Friday of fresh rolls with juice and Saturday they especially loved the ham and cheese sandwiches, juice and ice cream. Sunday for their VBS Presentation cheese empanadas and juice were also enjoyed by all. VBS was a long time in returning but did not disappoint as each day each child grew a little closer to Jesus and deeper into the Holy Word of God! Aleluya! Praise the LORD!



**SATURDAY
Youth
Ministry**

**15, 16 and 17
Year-Olds**

March Memory Bible Verses

- John 14:6 / ages 3-4
- John 14:6 / ages 5-7
- John 14:6-7 / ages 8-10
- Mark 10:44-45 / ages 11-13
- Mark 10:43-45 / ages 14-17

Versículo Marzo

"Jesús le dijo:
—Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida;..."
Juan 14:6

Niños 3-4 Años

Versículo Marzo

"Jesús le dijo:
—Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida; nadie viene al Padre sino por mí."
Juan 14:6

Niños 5-7 Años

Versículo Marzo

"Jesús le dijo:
—Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida; nadie viene al Padre sino por mí. Si me han conocido a mí, también conocerán a mi Padre; y desde ahora lo conocen y lo han visto."
Juan 14:6-7

Niños 8-10 Años

Versículo Marzo

"...cualquiera que anhele hacerse grande entre ustedes será su servidor; y cualquiera que anhele ser el primero entre ustedes será siervo de todos. Porque el Hijo del Hombre tampoco vino para ser servido sino para servir y para dar su vida en rescate por muchos."
Marcos 10:44-45

Chicos 11-13 Años

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Marcos 10:43-45

Jóvenes 14-17 Años

The 5 Glorious SUNDAYS of MARCH
LENT, VBS Presentation, PALM SUNDAY, EASTER SUNDAY, Children's Ministries
May GOD receive ALL the Glory!!

1st SUNDAY of March



Children's Bible Lesson ~ The Importance of the Bible ~ Psalm 119:11, 105, 162



1st SUNDAY of MARCH ~ YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL



During the SS Hour in the Temple overflowing with Adults, Youth and Children ~ VBS Presentation



2nd SUNDAY of March



Children's VBS Presentation Music: Jehovah Is My Pastor and You Are My Father



VBS Lesson ~ Psalm 150:6 and Psalm 100:1-5



After the Children's Presentation up on the 2nd floor for Children's Ministry ~ a reminder of all they learned over the past 3 days of VBS ~ Psalm 150:6, Psalm 118:24, Psalm 69:19 and Psalm 28:7



3rd SUNDAY of March



Children's Bible Lesson ~ Jesus Washes the Feet of His Disciples ~ John 13:1-17, 34-35



3rd SUNDAY of MARCH ~ YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL



After several weeks recuperating at home from surgery due to a violent robbery attempt, our Pastor's wife Toñita returned to Church the 3rd Sunday of March and to the 3rd floor to assist with Youth Sunday School. She has now resumed her role as lead-teacher. Thank you to everyone who has been praying for her.

Children's Bible Lesson ~ Jesus' Triumphant Entry Into Jerusalem ~ John 12:12-30



4th SUNDAY of March ~ PALM SUNDAY



4th SUNDAY of MARCH ~ YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL



HOSANNA, HOSANNA EN LAS ALTUAS
HOSANNA, HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST

5th SUNDAY of March ~ RESURRECTION SUNDAY



93 Children entered the Temple to sing 'Christ The Lord Has Risen Today' and 'Jesus Is The Way'



Children's Bible Lesson ~ CHRIST IS RISEN ~ Matthew 27-28, Mark 15-16, Luke 23-24, John 19-20



5th SUNDAY of MARCH ~ YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL



Last SATURDAY of March ~ The Blessing of Extra Food for Families

Barrio Nazareth and El Centro



Barrio San Sebastián and Los Montoneros



All 4 groups gathered in the Church's garage, 2 groups at a time, and after celebrating those with March Birthdays we had a time of Reflection of God's Goodness and Faithfulness and being thankful in all times. Each child and youth then received a lovely bag filled with staple food items for their mama's to turn into healthy lunches. A tremendous blessing for each child in hard times for so many of these families. Afterwards we gave thanks to God for His Faithful Provision through others.

Another repeat ... May God bless all you 'others' a hundredfold.



MARCH FOOD BAG BLESSINGS
Rice, Oil, Flour, Sugar, Salt,
Noodles, Dried Lentils, Canned
Tuna, Chocolate Drink Mix, Milk,
Nutella, Crackers, Amor Cookies

What's next for us in the upcoming months ... we give thanks to God for His daily Grace, for His Faithful Promise to never leave us nor forsake us, to always provide for us and for those He has set before us, day by day. Dear Kingdom people, we've asked for help with feeding the children and families whom God has added to our lives every month for the past 48 months. Thank you, thank you to those of you whom He provides through. For now due to the continuing crime-crisis with mandatory curfews forcing limited hours to work, we need to keep asking, as the need for this feeding program to continue is vital. The Breakfast Bags have been a tremendous blessing to all the children we know and serve, and those we see living daily on the streets. The costs of Breakfast Bags for our ministry communities and extras for the homeless is approx. \$2400. a month. Life is difficult for many where we live. Please pray about these needs, that God would continue to provide.

And dear people we have another prayer request... School is out here for Summer Vacation from the end of February to the end of April. Children and Youth here cannot enter Class for the New School Year without their required list of School Supplies and School Uniform and School Shoes. The Crime-Crisis forcing limited working hours has caused families to be without even basic needs; and for those we know, there's no way they can pay for all of their children's required school needs. We've got to help keep them in school. An education is vital too. Parents will pay for their children's School Uniform, and we visited 4 Stores selling School Supplies and School Shoes. We gave the Store with the best prices our list for 120 children with their ages and grades and they messaged us with the costs. School Supplies and School Shoes for 120 children is \$9000. \$75. per child. Dear people please also pray with us for God's Provision for this New School Year's required needs for our children here. There is no Gov aid. God hears all our prayers. He has never failed us. Thank you dear Kingdom people.

We are so grateful for ALL of you; Churches, Families, Couples, Individuals who have helped feed our children and their families throughout all the past months. Again, there are no words good enough to tell you how grateful we all are. We live here, in the place God created us to be, and we see up close every day the needs of the people we serve. You humble us by your love for Jesus and for His people; most of whom you will never meet this side of Heaven. You are Kingdom people, we thank God every day for you, and ask Him to bless you all a hundredfold. **God bless His people** who have kept us going and continue to be blessings in our lives and in the lives of those we are called to serve and love into the Kingdom, together. Thank you for praying. Thank you for giving. We love you, forever! †

Yours in Christ,

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Scroll down to: "Give to a Worker"

Enter Amount

Enter Four-digit worker ID **#0368**

Enter Cross-cultural worker name: Graham and Sharon

Nichols and Click Give (then add your Banking info)

THANK YOU and GOD BLESS YOU!



A reminder ... a lot can happen in 40 days, and in 7 days, and in 3 days!

Christ is Risen, He is Risen indeed!

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." John 3:16-17