



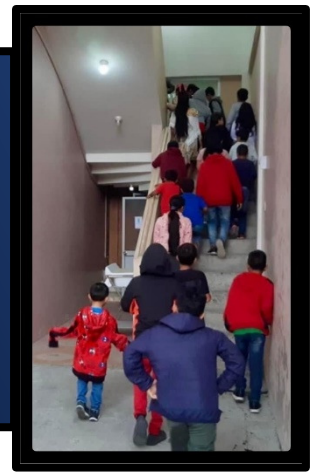
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Children's
Ministries

Saturdays
and
Sundays

Up on the
2nd floor
of the
Church



August 2024

***"... Jesus called the children to him and said,
"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them,
for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Luke 18:16***

Saludos friends, family, and church families,

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

Mission News for August ... 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. I, Sharon, spend 3 weeks in the Great State of Georgia visiting our children and grandchildren and meeting grandson #3 Liam who was born 2 days after I arrived. Y'all we have 3 of the most handsome grandsons on the planet!! I was blessed to speak in our GA Home Church and another local Church and with Youth Groups and UMW Groups. I cooked a Spaghetti Meal Fundraiser and also baked 35 homemade Cobblers to help support our Church's 2025 ECU Mission Team. Graham stayed in Ecuador and held down the fort at home and with ministry while I was away. He gets to be in Georgia in October. He and our Ministry Team served our ministry fold wonderfully while I was away for 22 days. A short but super-full-super-blessed trip. Thankful for the opportunity and privilege to share His mission in Santo Domingo with others, up-close and personal. I pray that God was pleased.

Ecuador August Update ... ECU's energy-crisis is still under control for now ... rain every day continues to replenish the reservoirs and so the month of August the electricity maintained! Thanks be to God! The Dry Season starts here in October and the National GOV is hoping the rain continues so there will be water in reserve to run the hydroelectric plants. The crime-crisis however continues to put the Region we live in at high risk for violent crime attacks. Due to the random attacks our Region still has mandatory nightly curfews, forcing less hours to work especially for all those with day-labor jobs. Less hours to work = less pay = less food for families. And so dear people the monthly Food Kits continue to be in great need. Kits filled with extra food to help children start their school days off with less empty tummies. Praise Jesus we were blessed to give all those we serve another much needed Food Kit in August; tremendous blessings for these children and their families. We give thanks to God every day for all those who share their blessings with all those He has given us to love and serve into the Kingdom here. Thanks be to God for His Faithful provision through 'others'; many of you and your Churches for your kindness and faithfulness to pray for us and for your faithful help in supporting His mission in this place alongside us. Please keep praying with us, for His Provision and for our safety. The needs are great, but our Lord is Greater! Dios le pague! ~ God will repay you!

The following will speak more of our **August 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!!

AUGUST in the Middle of the World and in the Great State of Georgia

1st SATURDAY of August



3-14 year-olds from Barrio Nazareth, Barrio San Sebastián, El Centro and Los Montoneros



**Bible Lesson for the Month:
THE PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED ~Matthew 13:31-33**



SATURDAY Youth Ministry



SATURDAY MINISTRY ... For extra safety precautions in August we had them to gather again all together on the 2nd floor of the Church Building for Monthly Saturday Prayer, Praise Music, Bible Lesson, Coloring Sheets, More Music, More Prayer, Chicken and Cheese Sandwiches, Juice and Brownies, Coloring Sheet Recognitions and Closing Prayer.

<p>Versículo Agosto</p> <p>Jesús dijo: "Yo soy la luz del mundo..."</p> <p>Juan 8:12</p> <p>Niñ@s 3-4 Años</p>	<p>Versículo Agosto</p> <p>Jesús dijo: "Yo soy la luz del mundo; el que me sigue, no andará en tinieblas, sino que tendrá la luz de la vida."</p> <p>Juan 8:12</p> <p>Niñ@s 5-7 Años</p>	<p>Versículo Agosto</p> <p>"Porque toda la plenitud de la divinidad habita en forma corporal en Cristo; y en él, que es la cabeza de todo poder y autoridad, ustedes han recibido esa plenitud."</p> <p>Colosenses 2:9-10</p> <p>Niñ@s 8-10 Años</p>	<p>Versículo Agosto</p> <p>Porque el Dios que dijo: "La luz resplandecerá de las tinieblas" es el que ha resplandecido en nuestro corazón para iluminación del conocimiento de la Gloria de Dios en el rostro de Jesucristo.</p> <p>2 Corintios 4:6</p> <p>Chic@s 11-13 Años</p>	<p>Versículo Agosto</p> <p>"Dios es luz, y en él no hay ningunas tinieblas. Si decimos que tenemos comunión con él y andamos en tinieblas, mentimos y no practicamos la verdad. Pero si estamos en luz, tenemos comunión unos con otros y la sangre de su Hijo Jesús nos limpia de todo pecado."</p> <p>1 Juan 1:5-7</p> <p>Jóvenes 14-17 Años</p>
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**August Sunday School
Memory Bible Verses**

John 8:12 / ages 3-4
John 8:12 / ages 5-7
Colossians 2:9-10 / ages 8-10
2 Corinthians 4:6 / ages 11-13
1 John 1:5-7 / ages 14-17

1st SUNDAY of August ~ Santa Cena ~ Holy Communion



**1st SUNDAY of August Bible Lesson: The Fruit of the Spirit ~ AMABILIDAD ~ KINDNESS
~1 Corinthians 13:4-7**



SUNDAY Morning's Children's Sunday School Ministry in August ...
Children's Ministry (every) SUNDAY Program ... The Lord's Prayer, Praise Music, The Apostles' Creed, SS Bible Lesson, Teen led Focus Bible Verse, Lesson Prayer, Lesson-themed Coloring and Activity Sheets, Lesson Reflection, More Music, Snack-Blessing Prayer, Snack-time, Coloring Sheet Recognitions, and Closing Prayer.



Children's Ministry SUNDAY Program

The 3-14 year-olds remain on the 2nd floor for the full 2 hours we're all in Church on Sundays. After the SS hour, Children's Church - a time for Reflection of the SS Lesson with lots of interaction and thoughts about the Lesson and how it relates to our lives today, as Jesus is the same; yesterday, today, tomorrow, for always. How the Word of God does not change from generation to generation, and how we are to live out His Word in our everyday lives and be a reflection of Him and His teachings in the world. Learning to be His example.

2nd SUNDAY of August, serving Jesus on 2 Continents; sharing His Mission in ECU with our Georgia Home Church family as His Mission continued among our Ecuador Home Church family with greetings from Santo Domingo to their Sharito in the United States.



2nd SUNDAY of August Bible Lesson: The Fruit of the Spirit ~ BONDAD ~ GOODNESS ~Romans 8:28





SATURDAY and SUNDAY Ministries include Lesson-themed Activity and Coloring Sheets. These children love a competition and are learning to do their best for God in all they do.

12 of the very best sheets are chosen from the 5 age-groups. As they color the Bible Story that includes the focus Bible Verse for the Lesson, and so the Lesson is being reaffirmed in their artwork.

Chosen as best among the best or not chosen, God is pleased and honored. He loves them, therefore truly, each of them spiritually win ... every time, chosen by God.

3rd SUNDAY of August



3rd SUNDAY of August Bible Lesson: The Fruit of the Spirit ~ FIDELIDAD ~ FAITHFULNESS ~Proverbs 3:3-4



Each SUNDAY one of our 14 year-olds is asked to help with the Bible Story Lesson by standing and reading out loud the Lesson's focus Bible Verse. Afterwards the teen reads the Verse again, one line at a time as the children repeat the Verse.

It is truly beautiful to hear them speaking together the Word of God.



GA Church Youth

4th SUNDAY of August



4th SUNDAY of August Bible Lesson: The Fruit of the Spirit ~ HUMILDAD ~ HUMBLENESS ~ Ephesians 4:2-6



Back in Ecuador for August Food Kit Blessings ... the 5th SATURDAY of August all 4 groups gathered in the Church on the 2nd floor. After welcoming everyone we opened our morning of Blessings in prayer. We then sang one of their favorite praise songs followed by a Devotion referencing Faith. Afterwards we recognized those with August Birthdays. Then each child and youth present were given their Food Kit. Each Kit/Bag was filled with Rice, Oil, Flour, Sugar, Dried Beans, Salt, Pasta Noodles, Crackers, Jelly, Oatmeal, Cereal, 2 Quarts of Milk, OJ, Chocolate Drink Mix, Instant Coffee and a Cookie Treat.

A tremendous blessing for each child and youth in the hard times this Country is experiencing; very difficult times for so many of these families. Afterwards we recognized the 2 moving up to Youth and Adult Ministries in October, and the children prayed for them; to lead by example. 14 year-old Said then led us in giving thanks to God for His Faithful Provision through others, closing our blessed morning in a heartfelt prayer, and then the overflowing of hugs and thank-yous showered us.

A daily, monthly, yearly repeat ... May God bless all you 'others' a hundredfold.

Gathering in the temple



The Lord's Prayer



Praise Music



Devotion



Devotion Prayer



August Birthdays



Food Kit Blessings



Prayer for 2 moving up in age-groups



Grateful Prayers



August Food Kit



Bountiful Blessings



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 53 months. Thank you, thank you to those of you whom He provides through. For now due to the continuing crime-crisis with mandatory curfews with no firm end in sight that's forcing more limited hours to work, we need to keep asking, as the need for this feeding program to continue is vital. The Food Kits 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 Food Kits for our ministry communities and extras for the homeless is approx. \$2400. a month. Life continues to be difficult for many where we live, and the extra food is a wonderful blessing. **And dear people of our hearts, another praise ...** we asked in our July Mission News to please pray with us for God's provision for **'after school shoes'** for the most needy among the children and teens we serve ... God answered our prayers through many of you. Shoes were ordered and purchased and given last week (1st week of September) to 83 children and teens. More about this tremendous blessing in our September Mission News. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow! Soo very thankful!

We are so thankful and grateful for ALL of you; Churches, Families, Couples, Individuals who have helped feed our children and their families throughout all the past months, years. 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. **May 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 dear people of our hearts for praying. Thank you for giving. We love you, forever! †

Yours in Christ,

Graham and Sharon Nichols

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Nichols and Click Give (then add your Banking info)

THANK YOU and GOD BLESS YOU!

Our 3-14 year-olds with Perfect Attendance in Sunday School and Children's Church the month of August

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."
Proverbs 22:6

