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The 2nd floor of the Evangelical Methodist Church ~ Jesús de Nazareth. Ready for our 3-14 year-old's to arrive and grow deeper in God's Holy Word

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"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks to God in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16

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 November ... 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. ECU's energy-crisis hasn't let up ... still little to no rain causing power outage schedules of 13 hours daily for the 1st half of November. Our Region's outage schedule as set by the Provincial Gov for Nov 1st-15th was 12midnight - 4am, 8am - 12noon and 5pm - 10pm. 13 hours every day. With 13 of 24 hours a day without electricity businesses continued to lay off thousands of people. Less electricity to operate has forced less available hours to work especially for all those with day-labor jobs. Less hours to work = less pay = less food for families. The 2nd half of the month we were graced with a new outage schedule of [only 7 hours] without power and water daily; 4am - 8am and 4pm - 7pm ... a HUGE Blessing! As of now that schedule will run through the end of 2024. God hears and answers prayer according to His will. Please keep praying for this drought to end. Even with less outage hours many people in Nov were only allowed a maximum of 25 hours a week to work. 25 hours x \$4 [\$100's weekly income] to feed their families and pay rent, power and water bills. The months of October and November have both been our lowest in financial support since years before the Pandemic; lots of needs on US soil too, lots of needs everywhere. Even still dear people with all that's going on in our lives and around us, over here and over there; we prayed, we put our full trust in God, as He has never once left our sides or left us empty-handed. And God being God Who knows each and every need, in good times and hard, always provides through 'others' just what's needed; no more, no less, exactly what's needed to help feed His sheep; spiritually and physically. And so, praise HIM we were blessed to give all those we serve another much needed Food Kit in November; tremendous blessings for these children and their families. Kits filled with food to help fill empty tummies. Every day we give thanks to God 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. Thank you for letting Him use you to bless others. Please keep praying with us for His Provision, and for the rains to come. The needs are great, but our Lord is Greater! Dios le pague! ~ God will repay you!

The following will speak more of our **November 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, to remain here, in His Kingdom service. Thank you! God bless you!

**SATURDAY November Ministry ~ Bible Lesson for the Month:
Jesus, The Bread of Life ~John 6:32-40**

1st SATURDAY of November



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



SATURDAY Youth Ministry



Guaguas de Pan



SATURDAY MINISTRY ... In November we gathered our 4 Sectors all together on the 2nd floor of the Church Building for Monthly Saturday Prayer, Praise Music, Bible Lesson, Coloring Sheets, Thanks-giving Prayer, Chicken and Cheese Sandwiches, Juice and Brownies, Coloring Sheet Standouts and Closing Prayer.

Also every November Ecuadorian Culture celebrates the Day of the Dead. At this time they eat Guaguas de Pan (Bread Babies) in memory of their loved ones. JESUS being the Bread Life, we asked the Panadería to bake them to go along with our Saturday Lesson but instead of decorating them, with icing write on them the Sweetest Name we know ... JESUS, as HE Is The Bread of Life ~John 6:35

1st SUNDAY of November ~ Santa Cena ~ Holy Communion



Pastor David blessed the Elements and led Children's Ministry in Holy Communion



November we focused on favorite Stories of the Old Testament, how they relate to us today



1st SUNDAY of November Bible Lesson ~ Noah and the Ark ~Genesis 6:5-7:5





Youth SS



Young-Adult SS



SUNDAY Morning's Children's Sunday School Ministry in November ... 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.

Versículo Noviembre

"¡Alaben al SEÑOR, porque es bueno..."

1 Crónicas 16:34

Niñ@s 3-4 Años

Versículo Noviembre

"...yo alabaré al SEÑOR por su justicia, y cantaré al nombre del SEÑOR el Altísimo."

Salmos 7:17

Niñ@s 5-7 Años

Versículo Noviembre

"Estén siempre gozosos. Oren sin cesar. Den gracias en todo, porque esta es la voluntad de Dios para ustedes en Cristo Jesús."

1 Tesalonicenses 5:16-18

Niñ@s 8-10 Años

Versículo Noviembre

"Y todo lo que hagan, sea de palabra o de hecho, háganlo todo en el nombre del Señor Jesús, dando gracias a Dios Padre por medio de él."

Colosenses 3:17

Chic@s 11-13 Años

Versículo Noviembre

"Porque todo lo que Dios ha creado es bueno, y no hay que rechazar nada cuando es recibido con acción de gracias pues es santificado por medio de la palabra de Dios y de la oración."

1 Timoteo 4:4-5

Jóvenes 14-17 Años

Versículo Noviembre

"Así que nosotros, que hemos recibido un reino inmovible, debemos ser agradecidos y, con esa misma gratitud, servir a Dios y agradecerle con temor y reverencia. Porque nuestro Dios es un fuego que todo lo consume."

Hebreos 12:28-29

Joven-Adultos 18-20

November Sunday School Memory Bible Verses

[1 Chronicles 16:34-ages 3-4] / [Psalm 7:17-ages 5-7] / [1 Thessalonians 5:16-18-ages 8-10] / [Colossians 3:17-ages 11-13] / [1 Timothy 4:4-5-ages 14-17] / [Hebrews 12:28-29-age 18]



My namesake, Ashley Rose, wanted her picture taken with me just after she had recited to me her November Bible Verse, 1 Chronicles 16:34 ... perfectly. Many may remember she is Dere's baby sister who was still in her mama's womb when he passed away from cancer at age 6. He was such a big part of our ministry fold. It was incredibly hard to let him go. But he's all healed now and in the presence of Jesus. Ashley has his face; not his replacement, but another we get to love and serve into the Kingdom. Her mama named her after me. Like her brother, she adds extra joy to our lives.

2nd SUNDAY of November



2nd SUNDAY of November Bible Lesson ~ David and Goliath ~ 1 Samuel 17:1-52



Youth SS

Young-Adult SS



Each SUNDAY as well as serving the younger age-group's the snack for the morning, 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.

3rd SUNDAY of November



3rd SUNDAY of November Bible Lesson ~ Daniel in the Lions' Den ~ Daniel 6:1-28



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Young-Adult SS



Giving thanks to God; every Sunday after the Activity and Coloring Sheets, Reflection and extra-Music there are always volunteers to lead us all in prayer, giving thanks for the morning's snack of fresh cheese rolls or corn empanadas or sweet rolls and juice. There is always a child who jumps at the chance to pray. Warms our hearts hearing them speak to God with a thankful heart.

4th SUNDAY of November



4th SUNDAY of November Bible Lesson ~ Jonah and the Whale ~Jonah 1:1-2:10



Youth SS



Young-Adult SS



Due to the daily power outages, every Sunday we either started in the dark, finished in the dark or the power came on somewhere in the middle. What these daily outages have reminded us ... we don't need electricity or water to share His Holy Word or to sing His praises. Not only is Jesus the Bread of Life, He's the Light of the World. ~John 8:12

The 5th SATURDAY of November ... it was too dark inside the building but God provided lots of natural light in the Church's garage area, so we gathered 2 Sector groups at time due to limited space. After welcoming everyone we opened our morning of Blessings in prayer followed by a Devotion referencing our US Thanksgiving tradition. Reminding them that we should be thankful every day, in all times, in plenty and in need. After a devotion prayer each child and youth present was given their Food Kit. Each Kit/Bag was filled with Rice, Oil, Sugar, Salt, Corn Meal, Jelly, Crackers, Cereal, Pancake Mix, Margarine, 2 Quarts of Milk, Condensed Oatmeal, Loaf Bread, 18 Eggs, and a pack of Cookies. A tremendous blessing for each child and youth in the hard times this Country is experiencing. We then gave thanks to God for His Faithful Provision through 'others'.
 A daily, monthly, yearly repeat ... May God bless all you 'others' a hundredfold.

Food Kit Blessings



Barrio Nazareth and Barrio San Sebastián



El Centro and Montoneros



November Food Kit

2 grateful bunches ... this side of Heaven many of you will never fully know what you mean to these children and their families, and to us. But one day you will, when we all get to Heaven. Until then, let's each be the person God created us to be; let's all be good Samaritans, let's all take care of each other, let's all carry each other's burdens, let's all continue to pray for one another ... as no matter what each day brings, easy or hard, in the end, Jesus wins. So let's honor Him by tending to and feeding His sheep.

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 56 months. Thank you, thank you to those of you whom He provides through. For now due to the continuing severe energy-crisis with no firm end in sight that's forcing complete layoff's to limited hours to work, we need to keep asking. The need for this feeding program to continue is vital as there is no GOV Assistance in this Country. 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. each month. Life continues to be difficult for many where we live, the extra food is a wonderful blessing. And dear people as mentioned at the beginning of this update, our support funds are the lowest they've been in over 5 years. With Christmas coming soon we want to be able to provide all these children with extra food, no toys, but extra staple food items to help fill their tummies. And if possible a Christmas Candy Bag as children are the same everywhere and love a little sweet treat. They would be absolutely thrilled to get a Candy Bag; the only Christmas gift many we serve will receive due to the lack of work their parents are encountering. Please pray with us for God's provision. The needs are great, but HE is Greater. Amen!!

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,

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Nichols and Click Give (then add your Banking info)

THANK YOU and GOD BLESS YOU!

This bunch of 45 had Perfect Attendance in Sunday School and Children's Church the Month of November. 51 total had Perfect Attendance. The other 6 not in this group pic were home due to flu symptoms



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

Proverbs 22:6