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# *The Morris* Family to the people of *Ecuador*

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## To our prayer and financial partners,

Thank you for your partnership with us as we continue to minister here in Ecuador. The year ended in reflection in how good the Lord has been to us and the church here in Milagro. For one of the last services of the year, we held a praise service where members and visitors had the opportunity to give thanks to God publicly in how He has been working in their lives. Although many had hardships there was a resounding thankfulness to God for His goodness, protection, and provision. We thank the Lord for answering so many prayers on behalf of the ministry here. In 2025 we were able to see 18 souls saved this year in our church services as well as in outreach efforts. We have also seen some people finish discipleship studies as well as others step into new roles of service. On a more personal note, our family has increased in our Spanish fluency this year for which we are also thankful. Also, we have been able to book many of our furlough meetings for 2026. We would like to book some more if we can in January and would like to give the opportunity to those that we have attempted to get a hold of to reach out if they would desire us to give an update to their church sometime in 2026.

November began with the 18<sup>th</sup> birthday of our oldest daughter Cecilia. As we stated before, she has expressed the desire to serve the Lord in full time missions more specifically, she has a burden for the Indigenous Kichwa people of South America. We are truly thankful for her surrender. We also thank the Lord for working in her heart and shaping her into a lovely young lady. We will be preparing to bring her to Bible college this August. We would appreciate your prayers for her and us as we step into this new chapter as a family. Also, during November, Mandy's mom and sister were able to visit with us. During this time, we were able to bring them to Cuenca. This was a trip with two purposes, enjoying Thanksgiving together, and visiting the city of Azogues. The city is about a 35-minute drive from Cuenca, and we were accompanied by a local pastor as well as a member of his church to show us around. We surveyed the city fairly well and were able to see the layout of the city from a high up vantage point. We are still praying for the prospect of planting a church in Azogues as well for another neighboring city that goes by the name Gualaceo (Gwa-la-say-o). We hope to visit Gualaceo upon our return to Ecuador in 2027. The population between the two cities is 80k souls. We would appreciate you praying with us in the Lords leading as to where He would want us to plant a church in this region.

We have had a boost in our attendance of the deaf that Maria has been ministering to. During the Christmas season Maria was able to organize a Christmas gathering with them. With the help of Mandy, it was a success. We believe that the deaf visitors and members felt loved and valued, which was evident in their responses to the event. What a blessing to see these precious people learn about and grow in the Lord! Please pray with us that Maria will be able to purchase a vehicle. It would be very helpful for her as she travels to the homes of the deaf to teach them signs.

We are still praying for a permanent pastor here in Milagro. There are prospects. We are praying that the Lord will call and burden one of these prospects and that they will answer Him obediently. We thank the Lord for the help of Carlos Moran and Luis Martinez as we are on furlough. With the personal direction of both of their pastors, they will be heading a lot of the work here in Milagro along with brother Darwin. We would also like to make Darwin a deacon in the near future. Also, one of our members, Luis Quinde has been studying by taking some Bible courses over the last year and into this New Year. Please note Keith has been giving him the opportunity for service in leadership roles and we believe that he can also help while we are away. There is also brother Elvis who finished discipleship a few years ago and has been a faithful member, he can help with financial responsibilities of the church. Please pray for all the details regarding these men and their leadership roles in Iglesia Bautista of Milagro while we are Stateside.

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We are continuing to tie things up here before we start furlough next Spring. Please pray with us as there are many things that we must do before we leave such as packing, putting things in storage and selling our car. We praise the Lord that a local pastor is buying our car and has made several payments already. He desires us to keep the car until we leave which is very gracious of him. We will be transferring the ownership into his name prayerfully without any issues. We also praise the Lord that Luis Martinez will store our things in a building that he owns, for free!

Once again thank you for your prayers and financial support. God has been extremely gracious to us and has taught us many things in 2025, the greatest being that He is good and faithful. We count it as a blessing to see Him work in the hearts of those that He allows us to minister to.

Yours for Christ,

Keith, Mandy, Cecilia, Klarah and Isalah Morris

## Prayer Requests

**For Salvation:** Paulette, Jeremy (has been visiting more often), Alejandro, Rosa, Isabela, Luis, Nelly, and many which we've talked with who live in the neighborhoods surrounding our church.

**Other needs:** Spiritual growth and decisions to live for the Lord for those who attend Bible Baptist Church, Milagro/ A vehicle for Maria / Homeschool for Cecilia, Isalah & Klarah / Bro. Darwin-his studies and preparations/ Souls to be saved!!/Permanent Pastor here in Milagro/Brother Danny Wilson to find a job / Men in the church to step into more leadership roles / Furlough /Cecilia Bible College in 2026

**Praises:** Souls saved during visitation! /More deaf attending services!



Our Christmas gathering with some of our deaf attendees and their children.



We were able to see the majority of the city of Azogues from this lookout.



Cecilia was able to play a piano special during our Christmas service.