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## To our prayer and financial partners,

Thank you for being a faithful partner in prayers and support as we end our first term serving our Lord here in Ecuador. The new year started with a new theme for the church here in Milagro. The theme will be God of light and life. With this theme, we have memory verses every month. The first verse being found in **Psalms 36:9, For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.** God nourishes us spiritually and is The Light and Life that we need to be able to live our spiritual lives. We pray that the people of IBB will see Him as such and dedicate themselves to living for Him. During the months of January and February, we have had some guest speakers from two Baptist churches that we have fellowship with in Guayaquil. Brother Luis Martinez and Carlos Morán both came during these months, challenging us all to better live for our Lord and Savior. It was during this time I also began a **discipleship course with Nelly and Julio**, a couple that recently started to attend the church. Nelly is the owner of the building where our church meets, however after many attempts she still cannot give me a solid testimony of salvation even though she says that she is saved, and this is also after Mandy, and I have gone through the Gospel with her several times. Julio has testified of his salvation back in 2023.

On another note, **we are amid the rainy season** which brings city wide flooding. We are now in a time of constant caution when we travel around the town of Milagro. There are families in the church that have already faced some water in their homes. This also brings a challenge for our time of outreach as different sections of town have more water in the streets than others. With these difficult times, an opportunity has come to help those in need of basic things due to being affected by the flooding. We have been asking the members of Iglesia Bautista Biblica for food and clothing donations to help those in need. This presents us with another opportunity to **reach those who need Christ.**

We praise the Lord for the continued faithfulness of María with the deaf. During these first few months of the year, she travelled most weekends from the big city of Guayaquil to teach and reach the deaf here in Milagro. She has established several relationships with the deaf and the Lord continues to work in the hearts and lives of these people. It has been a tremendous blessing to see these precious people learn about and grow in the Lord! **We ask you to pray with us** that Maria will be able to purchase a vehicle. It would be very helpful for her and her work here.

**We continue to pray** for a permanent pastor here in Milagro. We have been encouraged to have the help of Brother **Carlos Morán and Luis Martinez**, and they will continue coming while we are in the states. **Pray for them** and their future in the ministry. We desire the people here to have a permanent pastor that they can see is committed to the cause of Christ and reaching others. Our time as of recently has been spent preparing for our transition back to the states and organizing the church here with instructions for some of the men while we are gone. I have talked with some of the men, and they have accepted the responsibility to communicate with each other regarding all that needs to be done on a weekly basis at the church. Please pray for all the details regarding these men and their leadership roles in Iglesia Bautista of Milagro while we are Stateside. As we continue to tie things up here before we begin our furlough in the coming weeks, **there are many things that we must do** before we leave. Since our last prayer letter, our landlord, the owner of the house has allowed us to keep our things in the house for a very low monthly rate. We can now come back to Milagro after furlough to transition back into the country without the need to find temporary housing. We praise the Lord for this! **Please be in prayer** for us as we fly out of Ecuador on Friday March 13<sup>th</sup> with connecting flights in Panama, then flying overnight to New Jersey early Saturday morning March 14<sup>th</sup>, and to TN from there.

Yours for Christ,

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## 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/ Men in the church to step into more leadership roles / Furlough /Cecilia Bible College in 2026/Julio and Nelly spiritually

**Praises:** Darwin, Carlos and Luis will be holding the reigns of leadership while we are on furlough/ New visitors during service/ Danny has a job!



Discipleship class with Julio and Nelly



Flooding at the house of a friend named Fernando



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