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CARMEN'S STORY

Meet Carmen: She is from a community high in the mountains above Cotacachi. She recently saw a doctor who told her that she was suffering from depression and that there was nothing he could do for her. His only solution was that she needed to go see a witch doctor in Ilumán for a spiritual cleansing. Ilumán is known for its witch doctors because there are about 50 to 60 witch doctors that live in that area. Carman got lost in the streets of Ilumán, where she ran into Graciela, a Christian, and began to ask her for directions. Graciela told Carmen that she didn't need to see a witch doctor because the Lord could heal her.

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Graciela took Carmen back to her house, prayed for her, and gave her some oil for the tension in her shoulders. Carmen came back the next week while we were there and told us how much better she felt and asked for more prayer. We all prayed for her, and she invited us to come to her community and pray for her family. We went to her community last week to check on her, and we were blown away by the transformation. We didn't even recognize her because she looked so different. She had a big smile on her face and seemed genuinely happy. She wasn't actually at home when we got there; she was out in the fields with her cows. We weren't able to pray for her family because she wasn't home, but we plan on going back soon. While we were there though, we noticed a big soccer field that would be perfect for a VBS or outreach in this community. Please pray for Carmen and that God would open this door to this community for us. We are believing that God is going to do big things in many communities here. Believe with us!



WE HAVE HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

We arrived back in Ecuador on January 11, and we have hit the ground running. We have been so busy trying to get everything set up and get our ministry back up and running. Our first priority was our visas, and we had quite the hassle with them. Shanon actually had to fly back to the U.S. because they didn't accept our FBI background checks, making us order new ones. We had ten days to get the new background checks back here. If we didn't, we were going to have to start the process over. God made a way when there seemed to be no way. We made it back on the tenth day, and they accepted all our paperwork. We are now waiting to go back to get the actual visas in our passports. We've had so many unexpected expenses for these visas, and it looks like they are going to cost us around \$4,000. Our last visas costed about \$500, leaving us shocked to see the new price. If you would like to help us and contribute to our visas expenses, it would greatly be appreciated.

However, we are finally getting settled, and our first team is coming this week. We are more than excited to start working.

ON ANOTHER NOTE

Ethan and Megan will be graduating from Evangel University in May, and we are so proud of them. Please pray for them during this time of transition.