

HOPE FOR THE HIGHLANDS



2016 The Year of Favor

It's a new year for everyone and a new year brings many new things. It brings change - the good, the bad, and even the ugly. 2015 was a hard year for us. (We've decided that being empty nesters is no fun.) To us there seemed to be more bad than good, or that's all we remember. But the one thing that was constant was the presence of God and His direction for our family. We have spent years preparing for what God is about to do and we are so ready. This year we are anticipating new things. We have so many exciting plans and we see God opening the doors. There are two Quichua communities that have opened their doors to us and have told us that we are welcome into their communities any time. This is huge for our ministry. In one of these communities we are the first missionaries to ever be invited to minister in this area. People are hurting and are looking for the answer and we have it. It is JESUS! We cannot wait to begin. On that note, as we begin this phase of our ministry the enemy wants to destroy our work, so please pray for us.



Ethan and Megan

Ethan and Megan continue with their studies in the states and they are both doing really well, but they do struggle from time to time. As do we, but God is faithful to all of us. As most of you know from our last newsletter, Ethan is at Evangel and Megan was at the U of A. We are happy to announce that Megan has transferred to Evangel and now they are together. We could not be more pleased. And I'm happy to say that Megan is loving Evangel. We were very blessed to spend time with them over the holidays. And it was great having them in Ecuador for Christmas. It was so nice to be back together as a family. We were also able to do some ministry as a family too for Christmas. There's nothing greater than family. Please keep us all in your prayers during this time of transition. We keep hearing that empty nest isn't so bad, but we aren't so sure about that right now.



We are in the process of building a ministry team for our work in Otavalo. We have a family of 5 (The Tinnell's - from AR) and a single lady (Beth - from MO) coming to work with us in the Spring. We are so excited to have people that feel the call to Otavalo and to the Quichua people. Please pray for our team and that together we will make a difference and bring Hope to the Highlands of Ecuador.

Here are a few pictures from our Christmas outreach. We were able to put together some food bags for almost 200 families. This was an opportunity for us to share and show the love of God. It was an amazing time. These 2 communities are still talking about it saying, "it was the best Christmas they have ever had."

Susan continues to have problems with her foot. As much as we would like to tell you that she's all better, we can't. We will return to the states in March for one more surgery. We are believing that this will be the last. We have tagged this year as the year of favor, and we expect nothing else with Susan's foot.

Thank you, as always, for your support. We cannot do this without your prayers and support. Please believe with us for the Highland Quichua Indians of Otavalo.

