



**CRISIS UPON CRISIS UPON CRISIS  
IN ECUADOR**

If you follow international news you may already be aware that Ecuador is currently going through some major problems. At least 3 major national situations are coming to a “boil”.

One involves 26 individuals who were forcibly taken from their homes and imprisoned for unknown political reasons. **Pictured above on a protest poster is Pastor Amable Angamarca**, the father of one of our close friends. Amable also operates one of the local Christian radio stations. Without warning military personnel arrived at his home and took him away.

We have very limited information on why Pastor Amable and 25 others were taken. Their imprisonment coincided at the same time that indigenous groups (and others) throughout the country were organizing a country-wide protest against the current administration. Tens of



thousands are participating in strikes opposing current and proposed legislation.

The Ecuadorian government is trying to avoid financial collapse. The country’s number one export is oil, and as prices have plummeted the government is in panic mode—raising taxes on nearly everything. In some cases as much as 75%! **Global financial experts are saying that Ecuador will be the next Greece** if major adjustments are not made soon.

While this is all going on, then in Quito the Cotopaxi Volcano once again became active after sleeping for some 75 years. **Tons of ash have fallen on the communities** South and West of the volcano and geologist are warning that this is just a pre-cursor to a major eruption for which the country is not prepared.



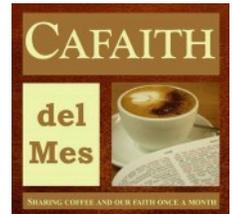
**So, we have lots of opportunity to practice and to demonstrate that our trust is in the Lord!** Your prayers for Amable (and the other prisoners), for the financial crisis,

for the political instability, and for the potential greater natural disasters are very much appreciated—but most of all that through all of these difficult times that we will keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, and also have the opportunity to help

others **find their peace in the midst of the storms of life in Him!**

**CAFAITH ONLINE?**

With our move to Samborondón it also meant the close of our Cafaitth study group ministry in Quito. For many who attended, however, this really was the only spiritual nourishment they were receiving. So, it was with a very heavy heart that we said “good bye”. One of the Cafaitth families (who actually just joined our group in the past year) has offered to continue hosting the study with Toby attending and teaching “virtually” via Skype. We’re not sure if this is the next step we



should take—and appreciate your prayers for wisdom and clear direction.

We are unsure of what the next steps are for our teaching and discipleship ministry here on the coast—but we are confident in the One who knows every step! In the

meantime we are seeing doors of opportunity and influence opening through a variety of ways. We’ll update you on those next time!

- Toby, Tannia, & Emma too!



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**Answers to Questions about Electronic Contributions**

**Q. What is electronic contribution?**

A. Electronic contribution is an automatic transfer program that allows you to make contributions *without* writing a single check.

**Q. What are the advantages of donating electronically?**

A. It saves you time! It simplifies your life! You also help the agency office stabilize its budget and save money.

**Q. How is my contribution automatically deducted from my account?**

A. Once you authorize the transfer, your specified contribution is electronically transferred directly from your checking account to the RFH's account.

**Q. When will my contribution be deducted from my account?**

A. On the date you specify...6<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> of each Month or Quarter.

**Q. If I don't write checks, how do I keep my checkbook balance straight?**

A. Since your contribution is made at a pre-established time, you simply record it in your check register on the appropriate date.

**Q. Without a canceled check, how can I prove I made my contribution?**

A. Your bank statement gives you an itemized list of electronic transfers. Also, Ripe For Harvest will continue to send you a receipt.

**Q. Is electronic contribution risky?**

A. Electronic contribution is less risky than check contribution. It cannot be lost, stolen or destroyed in the mail. It has an extremely high rate of accuracy.

**Q. What if I change bank accounts?**

A. Ripe for Harvest will provide a new authorization form to complete.

**Q. How much does electronic contribution cost?**

A. It costs you nothing and saves you time!

**Q. What if I try electronic contribution and don't like it?**

A. You can cancel your authorization for electronic contribution at any time by notifying Ripe for Harvest by phone. But, once you've enjoyed the convenience, time and money savings of electronic contribution, we doubt you'll want to go back to making contributions the way you did before.

**Q. How do I sign up for electronic contribution?**

A. Complete and sign the authorization form below and send to Ripe for Harvest along with a voided check or a savings deposit slip.

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