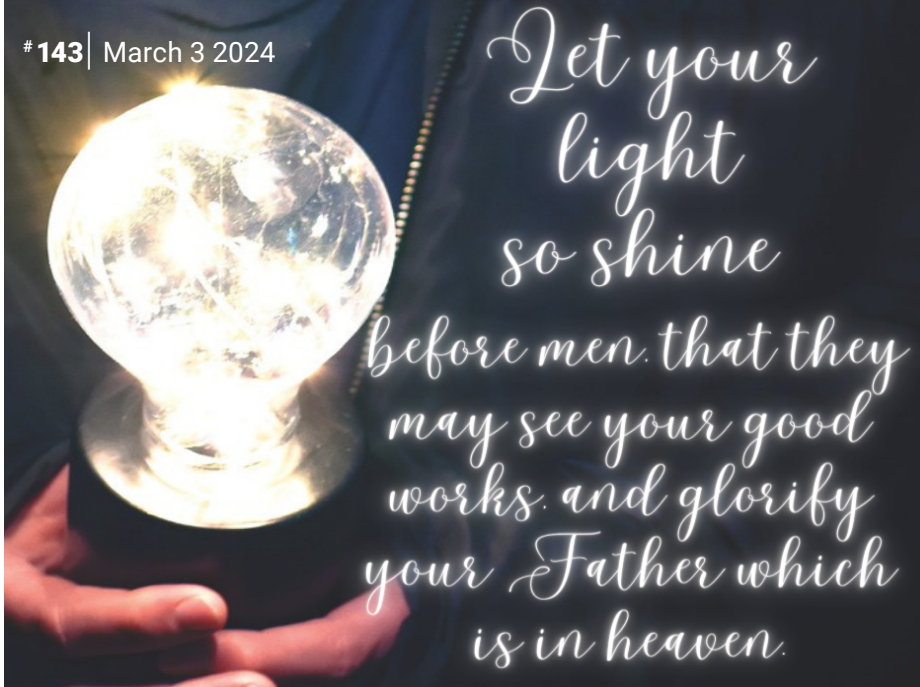




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GOOD NEWS AND TESTIMONIES FROM TEAMS ON THE FIELD

- ▶ Brazil
- ▶ Ecuador
- ▶ India

We are on the road for Jesus from our home base in Ananindeua, Para, Brazil towards south of the state, then move on to the next State of Maranhão, then going further bordering the next state of Tocantins!

We arrived in the night in the little town of Ulianopolis and as we parked the car in the garage of a hotel, we heard something and felt there is something wrong with the car. Early morning...

Our car had some problem. Needing some pieces but none in this tiny town, so the mechanic/owner ordered from the next city. Meanwhile, I witnessed to him. He confessed he betrayed his wife, and two weeks ago, she discovered the betrayal. They're in crossroad of their marriage. He is repentant and asked for prayer to salvage his family (has 2 kids, 12 years and 4 years.)

It took almost a day to fix the car. In the end, he received Jesus in his heart and we had good prayer

for his family, esp the wife, to forgive him. He is very broken, and a precious man.

His name is George. He donated everything, service, and car pieces! God bless him!

So the Lord let our car break down so we can meet George, and He got him saved and fix his broken heart and restore his family!



Ulianopolis



Also in the foto is Moises, he's a mechanic helper, almost died 4 years ago from car accident, miraculously healed and given the gift of a new life!

Our mission trip this past two weeks is marked in ministering to families getting fed by God's words! The Lord's bringing the "sheaves" more and more by families!



This is a family of W. we had been ministering to him for a long time. He used to only have a small apartment and a small eatery when we first met him door to door in the city of Imperatriz. He told us that he prayed God would help him build a house and he will always have a room for us, missionaries. True to his words, he was able to build a big two-story house and now everytime we visit the city, he gives us the key to his house and we stay for as long as as the Lord leads, he feeds us lunch in his restaurant and meals in his house! PTL! And his family has grown and all his kids had received Jesus as their personal Saviour!

house to house in a small town of Mãe do Rio. Ever since they became close friends and always appreciated God's words of life and the prayers we shared together.



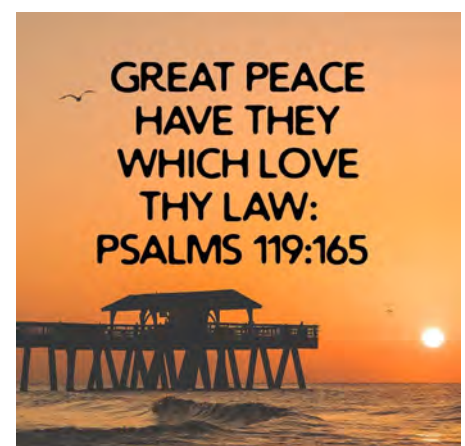
These are sisters who shared their troubles and tribulations with us, we have to have BIG listening ears as they pour out their hearts and in time we shared God's answers in His words, It is a relief to show them that Jesus loves and cares for the broken-hearted, the destitute and the hurting! Please pray for them F. and C. that their mom will not be a burden (she has alzheimmer) they lack finances, and their brother is disabled so, one takes care of the mom and the other has to work



This beautiful couple are bee/ honey producers. We met them

hard to support the family. Well, many more miracles the Lord had wrought in this trip and I hope to share more in our newsletter!
We love you Jerry and Daniel, we pray you are both well and please keep going for Jesus, we are in the cusp of "greater things shall ye do" and we sure dont want to miss the excitement!
ALL GLORY TO OUR LORD and KING, JESUS CHRIST! Thank You, Jesus!

love and prayers,
John and Sara PI



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"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."
John 1:12



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LATEST NEWS FROM ECUADOR – JAN 2024

Dear Ones,

First a heartfelt thanks to all who help with gifts and prayer support. We pray you are blessed in the ways you most need.

The world news is overwhelming and we feel helpless that we cannot be of more help to the suffering. However, our prayers can do what we can't. At the local level. Here is some news: In the last newsletter I eagerly described a new outreach we were endeavoring to fulfill which was to get the gospel message into local prisons via the queue of visitors waiting to be allowed entry. We have managed one visit only so far!

However, since then, we took a long trip into the centre of the city, following the google routes to another prison:



Only to find that it had been converted into a college of further education! (Out of date google info!). Above photo shows the former prison. Of course seeing this as a GOD OPPORTUNITY, we were able to distribute tracts to the myriad of students. :.(See photo below)



The prison had long been moved to another city! We will seek more official information as to the locations of prisons and detention centres in Quito!

Also I, Jenny, came down with a virus, and an increased joint pain in my shoulder and neck preventing me from being active, and from the use of my arm much, let alone travel on buses in which one has to hang on literally! I have been treating it with ice and heat, an occasional pain killer, ointment, resting in a neck brace and arm sling:



Along with prayer and communion! It has improved but as yet hindering much bus travel.. So I need to WAIT ON THE LORD, TO BE ENCOURAGED SO THAT HE CAN STRENGTHEN MY HEART! (Paraphrased from psalm 27!)

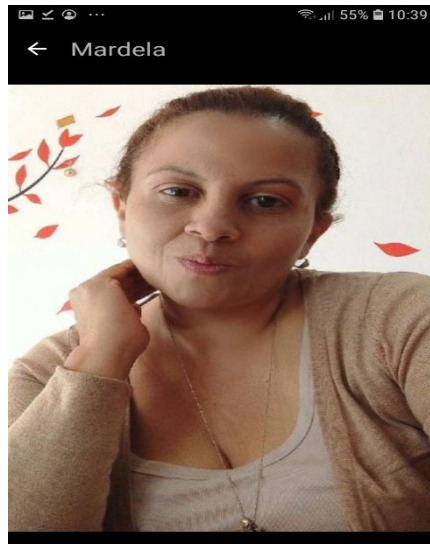
However we have been able to make a local bus ride to the next neighborhood, Pomasqui, where we have evangelized and follow up on people we have met as well as do any business and shopping. We have been encouraged to find people hungry for the Word, especially students pouring out of the local secondary schools. One appreciative person is Gregorio and his family of 3 children. (See photo below) He is already a Christian and very thankful for the biblical articles we give him.



On our last trip to a prison, we met Nelson , a very needy Venezuelan immigrant who cannot get a job. He and his wife and daughter are already Christians. We have been able to help them with a little funds as well as a box of used clothing and canned goods



Britanny in the photo above is the afro Ecuadorian adult daughter of Sandra, of whom we wrote in an earlier Newsletter. Brittany is busy studying nursing and loves the articles we send via the internet. Her mother, Sandra, in the photo also is thankful for these regular feedings which she says keep her uplifted. As explained before, Sandra is a single mother of 4 and has struggled to make a living. We have helped her out in little ways and will make a Christmas food box for her.



These 3 beauties, Andrea, mother of 2, one of whom is a special needs child, Mardela, mother of teens, and Tatty. A long term girl who has grown up with us from adolescence, Are faces of 3 of our internet Bible students and whom we visit monthly. We continue ministering online to about 350 people via email and WhatsApp.



JAIME FLORES, in the above photo serving us for at least 30 years, is just now printing 24, 000 tracts ..3 titles of 8, 000 each. We are thankful for your gifts which help us with printing and travel, living costs and to share with those the Lord points us to.

Sneider , in the photo below, a single adopted father, fathering his orphaned nephew Emmanuel, is a long term younger generation Colombian Missionary living and serving in his poor neighborhood up in the mountains where dysfunction abounds due to the former Farc members settling there. We have mentioned him before and we donate a small gift monthly. Hand some volunteers provide daily breakfasts for some of the needy neighborhood school children.



For this we are so grateful for your gifts so that we can share.

I remember what the Lord said "THE POOR YOU ALWAYS HAVE WITH YOU!" (Well He was referring to His shorter time with his disciples that he had in comparison to the poor who were always and will be always with us). However when we step out of our apartment. It starts. The poor are upon us, always with us. In the streets, on the buses....elderly non pensioned folks, immigrants, unemployed.... it has become more overwhelming over the years here in Ecuador. We can return to our safe abode and give thanks for all we have. A roof that does not leak. A roof even! A bed and blankets, a fridge with food, internet, light, water, gas bottles to cook with! All this and Jesus too!

Love and gratefulness,

Jennifer and Gonzalo

Family Services Trust

Dear Friends

November 2023

Greetings from Family Services Trust. Our Relief food program is feeding thousands of Slum Children in Delhi. Please help us to distribute more Relief food and Toys to Children who are waiting for their Christmas presents. Let's make this Christmas holiday season special for these less-privileged children. Thank you for your support and prayers.



A problem is a chance for you to do your best. ---Duke Ellington

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The Words That Could Unlock Your Child

Be Encouraged

8 tips to celebrate how far you've come

By Joanna Z. Weston, adapted

It is laughably easy to forget to stop and take stock of how far we have come in our lives. Our world focuses so much on what we lack—be it money, beauty, prestige, or romantic success— that it is far too common for us to get trapped in the loop of needing to have, be, or do “more” before thinking that we might be good enough. I, for one, do it all the time.

A year and a half ago I was unemployed with no idea what to do next. I'd spent my life until that point ignoring the conviction that there was something I was meant to do. Since I didn't know what that calling might be, I played it safe by getting a library degree.

I was pretty good at library work, but I was never passionate about it, which made me an average candidate for the few remaining library positions after the economy crashed—and I didn't get the job.

All of this left me sitting at home, miserable. Unemployment, combined with a particularly nasty winter, led to a terrible flare-up of my lifelong nemesis, depression. To say that I was despondent that winter would be a gross understatement!

Of course, I can now see that this was a blessing. That terrible winter pushed me to realize that something had to change, and fast. I was finished playing it safe and ready to figure out my dream!

Since then, I've identified my true calling (to become a life coach), sought training, and now I stand on the cusp of living my ideal life. But is that always how I see the situation? Sadly not.

On many days, I find myself focusing on how far I still have to go. I see the programs I haven't implemented yet and the website that isn't quite perfect, rather than taking the time to marvel over the fact that I have so many ideas and a website at all.

And you know what? Failing to acknowledge how far I've come robs me of a lot of joy and a lot of pride. I may not have everything figured out in my new business, but I've come a long way from where I was a year ago.

I would be willing to bet that you've made huge progress in the last year, as well, but are too focused on what remains to be done to see it. I invite you to start giving yourself credit for a lot of hard work and achievement.

Some tips to help you see how far you've come:

1. Sit down and breathe.

It's hard to hear the truth when a thousand voices and worries are circling through your mind. Taking just five minutes to sit down and let the voices become quiet can make a huge difference.

2. Ask yourself, “Where was I this time last year? Five years ago? Ten?”

I can guarantee that you will be surprised by your answers. Change comes slowly, so it can be hard to see, but it's always happening, whether we see it or not.

3. Review your notes.

If you keep a journal or blog, reread some of your old entries. You'll find written evidence (in your own hand!) of just how far you've come when you see what was upsetting you back then.

4. Make a list of your accomplishments from the last year or the last five years.

I don't care how small or insignificant it seems, write them down! Then look at that list and reflect on just how much you've done.

5. Ask a friend or loved one.

We can be our own worst critics, so sometimes those close to us have a clearer view of how much we've grown than we have of ourselves. If it feels awkward to ask someone to tell you nice things about yourself, offer to return the favor.

6. Track the personal, not just the professional.

Remember that not all progress is related to your career. How have your relationships, your spirituality, or your self-knowledge improved?

7. Celebrate the little things.

As you go about your day, try to notice when you take even the smallest step toward your goals, and be sure to honour that in some way. Even just writing it down in your journal will give you that moment of recognition.

8. Realize that it's never done.

We all want to reach the top of the mountain and feel that we have achieved something. We want to be finished, but that's never going to happen; our lives are a constant work in progress, which is the way it ought to be. Trust me, you'd be bored if you weren't constantly changing and growing.

Whatever you are working towards, and however far you still have to go, I encourage you to take the time to truly bask in everything you have achieved thus far.

It doesn't matter if you are moving fast or slow, only that you keep moving! And the best way to ensure that you continue to do that is to cherish each step along the way.

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