

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus!
May this letter find you well and praising
God, whatever your circumstances!

For my part I have been very blessed with
two months in the UK spending time
with my family and friends. The culture
shock of hopping from one world to
another is always interesting!

I had the opportunity to speak to a group
for “Encouraging Women” in Leigh-on-
Sea, and to some house groups at
Staplehurst Free Church. The Trustees of
LIAT did an amazing job of organising a
concert of “Music for a Summer’s
Evening” at St Michael’s Church,
Rayleigh. The musicians gave freely of
their time and talents; the quality of music
was superb; Val and Sue from “Hope for
the Future” gave a lively and informative
talk about their experiences in Ecuador. It
was a memorable evening and one that
the Lord blessed.

But it is always marvellous to return to
Ecuador after being away. I had a
wonderful welcome from the folk at the
charity and from the church.

While in the UK I had time to seek the
Lord for how He wants me to work. It is all
too easy to be always busy, which can
lead to burn out. So I have “let go of”
certain areas of work, which is after all
the goal of all mission work: to give it
away.

Laura Flores

The Iglesia Bautista del Norte has taken
over the work in this very poor area, and I
will visit from time to time. It is good to
note that other Baptist churches are
undertaking similar work in other areas.
I was very pleased to see the fruit of
Margaret’s work in the PEPE, the
Christian pre -school group that she set
up before returning to England. Lina, the
pastor’s wife, is now fully supervising this

work, and when I visited I was so pleased
to see how the children were developing
in language, in social skills, and in
learning about the Lord. We now have 19
children in this class.

*Margaret with the PEPE children
April 2009*



The classes

Ruth did a good job of heading up the two
classes for children with special needs
while I was away, and did some inset
training. She also organised a “day out”
for the children and their parents, which
everyone enjoyed. I have been dedicating
more time to the classes and to staff
training since my return. We want to see
our classes receive government
recognition, and perhaps help. We are
being impacted by the Swine Flu
pandemic, and have had to take certain
precautions to protect our children, but so
far all has been well.

Work at town, county & national level

We now meet with various bodies:
CONADIS (National Council for the
Disabled) to which I have been appointed
county representative; with the CCNA
(County Council for Childhood and
Adolescence); REDPINA, a network
which works to protect children and
teenagers, and with the Special Olympic
Committee. As Santo Domingo de los

Tsachilas is now an independent province, there is much to do to set up new schemes and networks. This is a time of hope for real change to take place in the community.

NEW PROJECT FOR WOMEN

Last year we submitted a project plan to develop a ministry for abused and marginalised women in Ecuador. Just before my return we received news that the project has been approved!! This is very exciting news. Now we have the awesome task of implementing this project, which involves developing ministries of practical, emotional and spiritual help for abused and at risk girls and women. Our first step is to seek the Lord for the right person or couple to head up this major new ministry. We will be working with La Iglesia Bautista here in Santo Domingo.

La Iglesia del Norte

This church, planted by Uriel and Lina Solórzano is growing. My role is to develop the Sunday school teaching, to head up a cell group, and to develop the prayer group. On my return I helped with a Women's Encuentro, which is a weekend of focussing on the Lord. At the end of the weekend all the women asked their husbands to marry them! They were all married, but not through the church, and are seeking God's blessing for their unions. So we will be having a multiple marriage service.

Ladies, jubilant after the Encuentro, reunited with their families



Signs and wonders

Earlier this year I attended a conference on miraculous healing in Guayaquil. A team from Bethel Ministries in California was visiting the Verbo churches there. The presence of God in the meetings was awesome. Many people were healed by the Lord during their visit. Following on from that our church held a healing service, and we saw many people healed.

Prayer points

Please pray

- ❖ that the charity can shift into a different gear to meet the new challenges ahead
- ❖ for our new president of the charity here, Wilmer Ochoa, a lovely man of God, who is enthusiastic and capable
- ❖ for the right person or couple to head up the ministry for women
- ❖ for this country at this time of economic difficulty where there is increasing delinquency
- ❖ for spiritual growth in our church, and for Uriel and Lina

Thank you so much for your continued support for this ministry.

"I will build my church and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it"
Matthew 16:18

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