

Stephen Byrd Family

Flying south with the gospel to the people of Ecuador

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Dear Praying Friends

Thank you for your prayers for Stephen's family on the death of his brother John in March. He was able to see him before he died and attend the funeral.

New Church

With our first church in the midst of a Sunday School campaign we have been able to smoothly transition into starting our second church. We have been greatly helped by a group from the temple Baptist church of Titusville, Florida. Prior to their arrival Stephen had been in preparation to start the church, but felt led to wait for the "jump start" the group would give. The group performed pantomimes in three different areas including the new church's location; giving us a good number of prospects to follow-up. The following Sunday we had our first church service with the thirteen in attendance. We have a couple, two ladies, and a number of children attending. Thank you again Brother Eldridge, young people, and adults for your help.

Recent Blessings

We have been blessed by some recent events in our church beginning with the three people who were baptized. Also three adults and one teenager finished their second level discipleship Bible Studies, and it appears they will be very well grounded by the time they get baptized. We have also been blessed by the souls saved. During one of the Bible studies, an angel asked Stephen how he could be saved, at the end of a Sunday School class Carolina prayed to be saved. Noelia was saved in our children's church, and another man Hector received Jesus as his Savior during a morning service. The adolescence' have been blessed by the addition of two teachers faithfulness and the growth of the adolescence'. Another blessing was the church celebrating its eighth anniversary with well over 80 people. Dinner on the grounds was followed with games and fellowship during the afternoon.

We ask you to pray about land we have been considering. We are trying to determine the Lord's will. Thank you for praying.

Stephen, Charlotte, Matthew & Jonathan