

Ecuador Mission Trip

Jan. 25-Feb. 1, 2018

I. Impressions and Learning from our Ecuador Trip

- The “return on investment” test
- The actual value “I received”

II. Our trip to Ecuador

- ‘God sent a Prophet’ vs.

From that time 62-0713 P:102

But this is my ministry (See?) to **declare Him**, that **He's here**.

- ◆ Godhead (relationship between Father and Son)
- ◆ Parousia (God is here now)
- ◆ What is He doing? (Gathering His Elect) Adopting sons.

This was the general theme of what was preached during the trip.

- This was very well received. (I sat facing the congregation.)
- Our brothers and sisters were very excited about the Messages being brought.
 - Could hear it in their prayers
- Fatigue, altitude, sickness, but the Lord prevailed.

(60-0308 - Discernment Of Spirit, Rev. William Marrion Branham)

But that's not what the gates of hell's against. It's against the spiritual revelation of **Christ being here now**, the same yesterday, today, and forever. That's what it's against. “The gates of hell shall be against It, **but it shall never prevail.**”—

.....and it didn't in Ecuador!!

III. The Difference in Worldly possessions

Br. Branham sums it up beautifully.

63-0607 - Be Not Afraid, Rev. William Marrion Branham

56 You know, it's just like the old saying, if we count our blessings, look around, it's kind of surprising to see how many good people is left in the world, and how many nice things we still have. The Lord be praised. I'm glad to be an American. I'm glad, as a missionary, coming from other lands, and so forth, and coming in home.

57 Oh, it makes me heartache to see the way, how luxurious we live, and the rest of the world starving. And—and to see the fine places, a big fine church on every corner, and—and those poor people over there, and many of them never even heard the Name of Jesus Christ.

(They were dedicated to the Word and hungry for further revelation.....**as we all are. They were no different than us.**)

- A. Material things seemed irrelevant to them.
 - No AC/Heat anywhere (cars, church, buildings, home)
 - ◆ 40s and 50s in the mountains at night
 - ◆ 80s and 90s closer to sea level by day
 - ◆ Deacons passed out water bottles during service.
 - Cars
 - ◆ 5 grown men in an Chevy Aveo.
 - ◆ Well used vehicles (manual windows), no AC (needed to be careful rolling windows down)
 - ◆ Brothers took care of all our transportation needs. Very kind!
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- Homes
 - ◆ No AC/Heat but plenty of alpaca blankets.
 - ◆ Floors cement or mix of flooring (incl. cardboard)
 - ◆ Average home in Santa Domingo was 11'X14'
 - ◆ Hot water? Maybe
- Food (*a challenge for me because of my sugar problem*)
 - ◆ Rice
 - ◆ Carbs (least expensive source of food: Rice, pasta, potatoes, bread, beans!)
 - Food is not wasted. (They watched what we ate)
 - ◆ Meat (rarely) and only us (Ex. eggs)
 - ◆ Never saw dessert in the country
 - ◆ Bananas!
 - ◆ Quaker and other new foods
 - ◆ Challenge => Norma flora (water, vegetables, salad, guinea pig (Cuy- WE DID NOT EAT!))



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- Their giving spirit and kindness was overwhelming.
 - ◆ Bottomline: WE felt very blessed with everything they gave and did for us.
 - ◆ Examples: Gifted young boy organ player- Brian's advice to him/Young sister trying english/special herbal tea for Brian/endless bottled water/wrong change at the market/observant to all our needs.
- Worldly Distractions

They don't have near the distractions we do.

1Jn 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, **the love of the Father is not in him.**

1Jn 2:16 For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is **not** of the Father, but is of the world.

Who has the greater challenge in Laodicea?

IV. “**Serving**” the Lord and how we treat His children.

A quote that sums up how I felt toward my brothers and sister in Ecuador at the end of the trip:

65-1031A - Leadership, Rev. William Marrion Branham

13 And there is only one thing up here, you—you kill a fellow with kindness. I eat till I couldn't eat, and I—and I never was treated so much. If I had been an Angel, dropped out of Heaven, I couldn't have been treated any nicer. The only thing I can say to you, is, “Thank you.” And when you're down Tucson way, I might not be able to treat you that nice, 'cause I don't know how; I haven't got the manners to do it, but I'll do the best I can. Come down.

V. Final Thoughts

- We aren't used to their way of living
 - ◆ Some things are just biologically different (norma flora)
 - ◆ They are way more blessed than you may think
 - ◆ Every need they have will be fulfilled.....

Philippians 4:19 (Wuest)

But my God shall satisfy **to the full** your **every need** in accordance with **His wealth** in glory in Christ Jesus.

There are many differences between the US and Ecuador. BUT, we both share the same Father and the only begotten Son, our eldest Brother in a vast family of brothers. We all desire to manifest that same Spirit of Christ.

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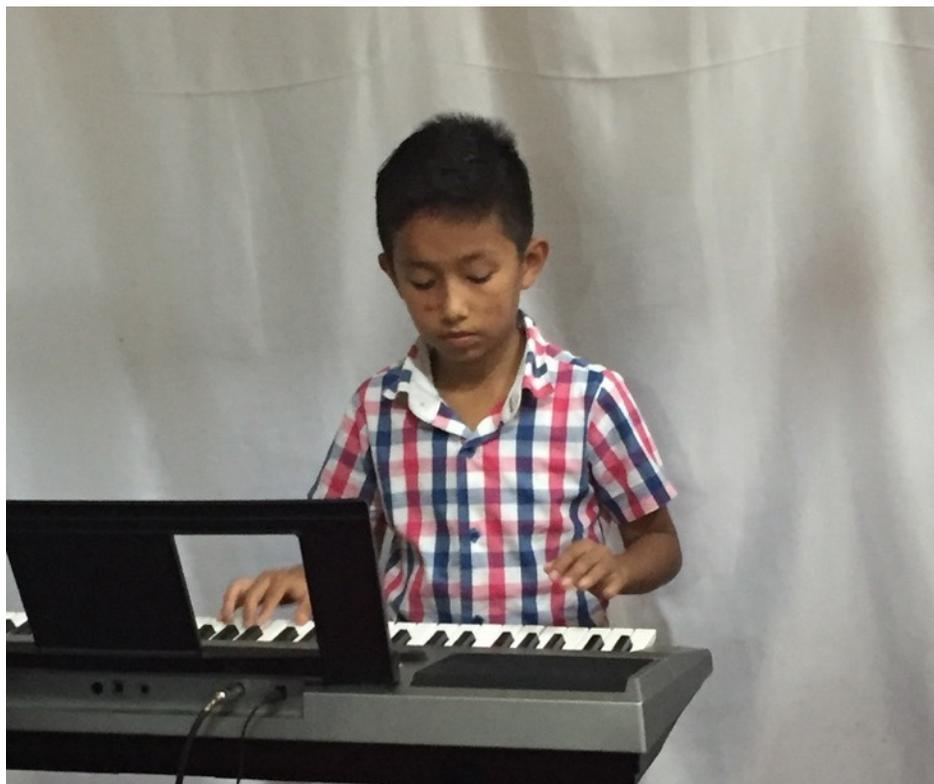
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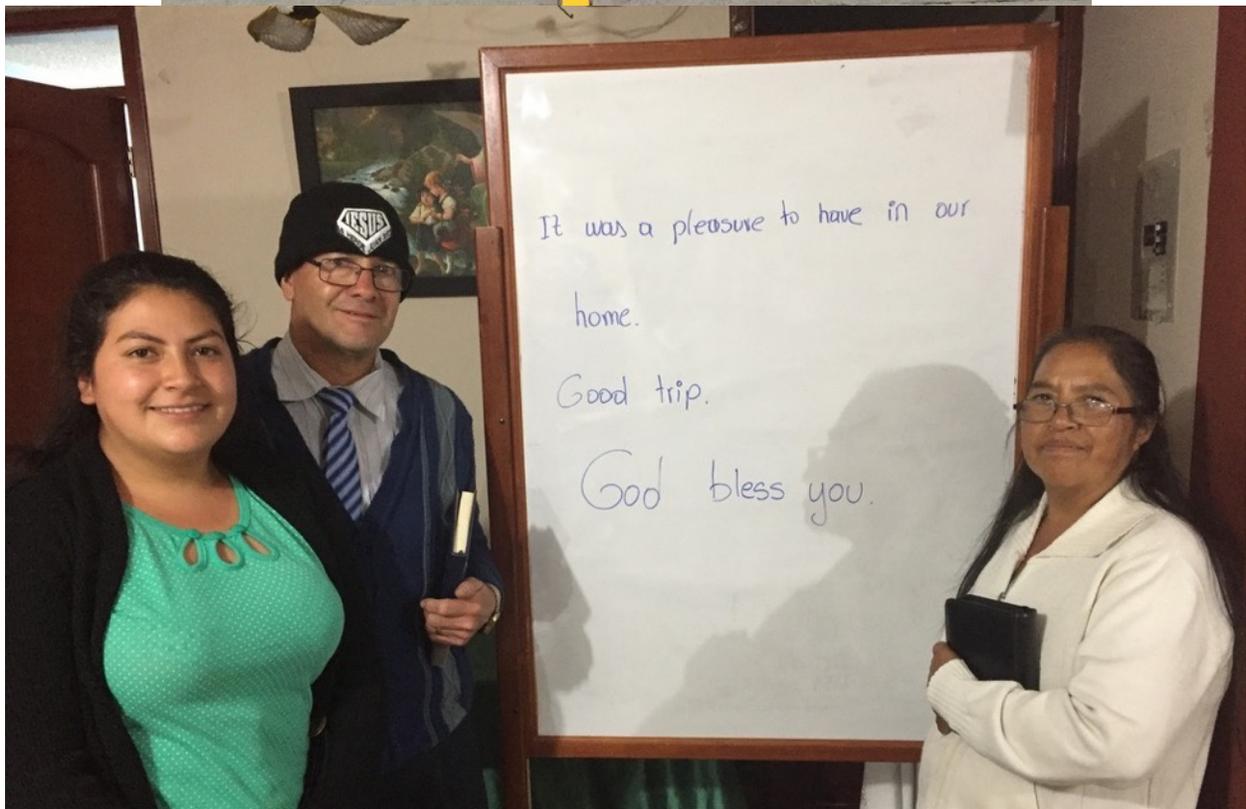


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