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Bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to Children of the World

Queridos Amigos de Jesucristo (Dear Friends of Jesus Christ),

Once again, we want to thank those who have partnered with us over the years to bring the love of Jesus to children and families in Ecuador. We need to remember all that God has accomplished and give Him the glory!

STATESIDE VISIT!

We are so excited to report that Priscila's VISA has been approved and she will be coming to Michigan from the 10th to the 21st of November, 2011. She hasn't been to the States in four years and is looking forward to being here and being able to share with you what is happening in Ecuador. She will be available to speak to churches, Sunday schools, or small groups. Each time she has come to the States, people have been blessed with her messages of life changing events in the lives of children and families who have been impacted by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If you would like for her to come to your area, please contact Jerry Fielstra at 231-633-0692 or email him at childrens_min@sbcglobal.net

LOOKING BACK

- In 2001, after having visited Ecuador, Jerry Fielstra, co-founder of Children's Ministries (CMI), felt the Lord calling him to start a children's ministry in the city of Guayaquil, Ecuador to reach children for the Lord.
- Priscila, who had been working with an orphanage in Ecuador, was approached by Jerry about partnering in this Sidewalk Sunday School ministry, and Children's Ministries was founded in 2002.
- The Sidewalk Sunday School has reached out to well over 3,000 children and families since its inception.
- CMI is now in 4 public schools in Guayaquil, Ecuador.
- A spacious ministry building was purchased debt free 4 years ago.
- CMI has a church service and 2 youth group meetings weekly in the ministry building.
- CMI staff teach discipleship classes and do family visitations on a weekly basis.
- Summer camps, experienced for the first time by many children, have been a great success.
- Children, parents and whole families have come to know the saving grace of the Gospel through CMI.
- Sunday school teachers from other churches have received training at CMI. With the methods that are taught they are able to start this program in their neighborhoods and many lives have been changed as a result.
- Sidewalk Sunday Schools have been started in new areas as staff have moved away, which means the work is multiplying.
- Volunteers from the States have visited Ecuador to offer support, prayer, encouragement, and many tangible gifts including medical advice and treatment to grateful staff and interested people.
- Priscila's vision has always been that, with God's help, the culture of her nation will be changed.
- Her desire is that as she obeys God's command to tell others about His saving grace, lives will be transformed by the power of the gospel.

We are both humbled and amazed at how God has poured out His blessing on this ministry in the past 9 years and look forward with great expectation to how He will grow it in the future. There are children around the world and in Ecuador who will never hear that God loves them unless we are faithful to bring the Gospel to them. With God's blessing and your partnership in this ministry it is possible for them to hear that Good News.



LOOKING FORWARD

- Priscila believes that the best way to reach people for Jesus Christ is to go where they are. The youth of the church are excited about preparing plays and skits to present to children and parents. They will use the truck to go to neighborhoods to present the gospel and invite them to come to church. They are asking other churches to join them and become a part of the programs they put on. The first of these presentations is set for October 29, 2011.
- Priscila is training Christians to be future teachers for the Sunday schools. Most of these are young people and she is excited about their desire to reach out to their community. Their desire is still to reach people through music, drama and God's Word.
- The youth of the church are selling prepared food, sandwiches, desserts, etc. to collect money so that gifts of groceries can be given to families at Christmas time.
- She prays that much will be accomplished next year as they wait on the Lord for His leading.

We want to send out a huge **thank you** to John Dyksterhouse who is stepping down from the Board of Directors of CMI. John has faithfully served the board since its inception. We have appreciated his Godly insight, wisdom and encouragement as we sought to faithfully serve the Lord in this ministry. Thank you, John! We also want to welcome to the Board of Directors Steve Watson from Grandville, MI who has graciously agreed to serve this ministry!

We again encourage you to send mail or emails of encouragement to Priscila, Jacqueline and Carlos. It's always good to be reminded that people here in the States care about them and the work they are doing.

Here's how to contact them:

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About Us

Your prayers and support are vital to this ministry. Children's Ministries, Inc. is totally funded by private and organizational donations. The Board of Directors and USA volunteers pay all state-side expenses (postage, printing, travel expense, etc.). **100% of your donated money is used for direct ministry needs in Ecuador.** For more information about this ministry please check our Web site: www.childrensministriesinc.com .

Your tax-deductible gifts may be sent to:

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We are excited to let you know that you can now make automatic monthly donations by using PayPal. Go to our website, www.childrensministriesinc.org and follow the directions.

If you would like to receive CMI newsletters via email, please send a note to Marilyn Oom at mioom@aol.com. Put "Children's Ministries e-mails" in the subject line. Also pass along addresses or email addresses of your friends who might be interested in the ministry as well. Help us spread the word!

For those who have given support, we would again like to say Thank You! Whether that support is in the form of prayer, time, gifts or money, it is all appreciated. It is only through the efforts of many people letting themselves be God's instruments that we have been able to accomplish so much. Thank You!

Serving a gracious Lord,

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