

Edward and Jacqueline Dottle Family

May and June 2015



Noticias de Cristo Para Ambato (Christ for Ambato Newsletter)

Dearest Friends and Family in Christ,

The months of May and June found us busy with the Lord's work in Ambato and missing our daughters and all of our friends and family in the United States. We lift all of you up in prayer daily before the Lord with petitions for health, security, and joy.



Mother's day is always very special around the world. Even in Ecuador it is celebrated much as in the rest of the world, as a time for children to honor their mothers. This year was very special in the way it was done in the church. The youth of the church worked together without any involvement from the adults to plan and prepare a meal served in the church. They planned the meal, the budget, assignments, and the banquet. All the youth were involved. It was a wonderful night wherein all the mothers were honored and even some guests visited and some of the youth's mothers who do not come to church

came and participated. It was a different time for Jacqueline in that all of our children were in the United States. It is the first time they were not home for Mother's Day.

During the remaining days of May we focused hard upon gathering people to participate in Let's Start Talking. I passed out over 500 invitations to university students and others and was able to have the information posted on the main university Facebook page and their news panels displayed all over the two campuses of the university. We created and advertised a Facebook page called LST Ambato. Over 120 people liked the page. Over 40 people called and made reservations for participating in the program. We held an information and signup meeting on the day the team arrived and more than 10 people came to the meeting. It was an exciting and promising start to the program. With Gil and Joyce Vollmering who came last year and Ed and Judy Ellis came for two weeks for the program. They gave us great encouragement and were wonderful servants of God. They are from the same church were Gil is an elder and Ed retired from being an elder North Side CC. I do not know why but many of the students who made reservations for practice failed to participate. I often have the same problem with Bible students and other activities we try to do with people. Please pray for Gil, Joyce, Ed, and Judy and thank the Lord for their servant hearts and generosity. We still am practicing with 9 of the students. Please pray they will continue their practice and come to obey the Lord's word.

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With great pride and joy we announce that Carolina Abril graduated from the University Technica de Ambato (UTA) with her bachelors in children's education. Carolina lives with her mom and sisters a few blocks from us and she was the first Ecuadorian I baptized. She is a faithful member of the church and very special young lady. Please pray for her life to have the Lord bless her in all she does. She is like another daughter to

us. It is difficult to believe that we have lived here long enough for Carolina to have complete both high school and university.

The Thursday and Friday before the LST team arrived I had to make a quick repair to the car. It has been many months since I had done any work on the car. I had to change the clutch, and at the same time I made repairs to the grill, side lights, and replaced the front passenger fender. The clutch is better than it ever has been and I learned that one important part that had been in it since we purchased the car was not the correct part and the proper part makes a lot of difference. While the LST team was here the driver's seat support welds almost



completely broke. I spent a quick morning repairing that, changing the front brake pads, and reinstalling the front bumper. The car looks and drives very well. I believe our Trooper can continue to give reliable service now for many years to come including carrying, if you believe it, up to 15 people home after church services. Thank you for your prayers for our grant. We received a grant from the Frazier Foundation that covers the expenses for a return Furlough trip this year. We are starting plans to return in mid-October to the end of November. Please be in prayer for this trip that we can raise the support we need for the future.



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While the LST team was here we spent their only free Saturday on a trip from Ambato to go to Baños, Shell, and Puyo. We saw many sights and had a great time. In Shell we stopped at the Saints' house. The Saints are the family of one of the men who were killed by the indigenous tribe Shuar; the movie "The End of the Spear" is based on their story. We had passed by the house many times and never knew we were seeing a very important piece of missionary history. We also celebrated Judy and Ed's wedding anniversary. Their visit gave Jacqueline and me great encouragement and fortified our faith and commitment.



The only Sunday the LST team was here was very busy. Normal church services were held in the morning and then in the afternoon we celebrated Children's Day and then had a LST party. The LST team brought many things from the USA to give to children as gifts. Games, snacks, stories, gifts, and love were given to the children of the church and neighborhood. Having the LST team made the celebration even more

special.

An hour after the children's day celebration we held an LST party for all the members of the church and the LST students and their families. Over 45 people came to the party where we shared games and pizza. It was a very special time where we got to know more about the students and their families.

June was a special month. The first week continued the LST English practicing. Then we celebrated my 47th birthday, Father's day, and then Carolina's birthday. We celebrated in the church all the birthdays of



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June with cake and tea. Then on Father's day was Carolina's birthday. All the youth of the church came to our house and celebrated the day in our home. It was a great celebration for me and Carolina.

The LST team also brought many special small items from the states for

Jacqueline to lead a special ladies class. They started studying a book and speaking about women's issues. I am very proud of Jacqueline and the great work she does for the Lord.

We have been meeting a couple named Marylyn and Marco. They are both divorced and have been dating for about a year. They had hit a serious stretch in their relationship and we worked with them in helping them through it. About a week later they came to church together and told Jaqueline and I that they planned to get married next January. Please be praying for them.

We have nine students continuing the LST program and five of these are very committed. Please be praying that the other students will make a firmer commitment and all of them will come to obey the Bible. Two students, Diego and Dayna, have both told me they want to become a Christian and be baptized. I am trying to make them understand the commitment they need to make and be a firm and faithful Christian. Please be praying for all the students. Darwin continues his studies and we continue to build his relationship with us and his understanding of the Bible and God. Please pray for Darwin's brother Marco as just got married and he has started his medical doctor required practice in Shell.



Blessings in Our Heavenly Father,

Edward, Jacqueline, Raquel, Christine and Natalie Dottle