

Campamento Cristiano Bellevue

20-025 Nuevo Amanecer, Tabacundo, Ecuador, Sur América

806-589-0321

Saludos from the Reeger family down in Tabacundo, Ecuador.

We've been walking through a very exciting time for Christ here in our community and wanted to fill you in on all the good. We noticed God moving in the lives and opening the hearts of people we have recently begun to know since refocusing more directly upon the evangelism of the community of Tabacundo. Over the past few months, we began walking through Christ with several couples and families searching to engage in a personal relationship with God. We started this journey with church services at the camp and the opening of three small home groups during the week. These opportunities have allowed us to know the struggles and blessings of several families. Some of these opportunities created hard, life-changing thoughts and questions for these families. Through individual study, group discussions, and conversations over dinner, we saw families begin to entertain the idea of a personal relationship with God in Christ, wade through the pressure under sin, and for some put on Christ in baptism. Four families decided to walk out their faith in baptism recently here in Tabacundo, and since then they cannot refrain from sharing with their friends, neighbors, and co-workers what has changed in their lives. What an experience to share with your spouse... to change your life together... to submerge yourselves in Christ. Meanwhile, others are searching for how God is calling them to respond with their lives. Right now is an amazing period to watch God work in Ecuador.



WOW! We finished 2008 with around 150 children and youth participating in activities here at the camp. In turn, we not only had the opportunity to help with the education and nourishment of these children but also to encourage and

develop their relationship with Christ. It is encouraging to see them began to grasp what possibilities Christ has for their lives. Our hope is to continue to strengthen their relationship with God. We have seen one of the greatest differences in our work with the youth lately. This last year, we modified our youth program focus. In these changes, we have attempted with this group of 35 youth to gain a biblical perspective on real-life issues, inspire selfless acts, and instill a foundation in Christ. What makes this come to life are the times in which they stretch to think outside the norm, converse with an elderly person and really care during a service project, or decide to commit to walk with Christ. These occasions are refreshing, a struggle, at times inspiring, and a great opportunity to share. Through our interactions with these children and youth, we have also developed relationships with many of the parents and grandparents of these children and youth.

With our growing relationships with many of the parents in the community, we decided to offer community and family enrichment courses twice a month. We started with a course in first aid and CPR with the assistance of



the Red Cross. The families who participated in this course gained useful life-saving skills and tools, which are not common in our area. Some also began to develop a relationship with us and with God. We continued to offer aerobic and Taebo courses for the community twice a week. It is difficult not to develop a relationship with people with whom you sweat. Currently, we are in a financial management course to share biblically founded strategies to managing and saving money. For this course, we have the assistance of two of the professors from the Quito School of Biblical Studies. After this, we plan to continue offering various courses and seminars to develop parenting skills, marriage and communication techniques, effective agricultural skills, and other beneficial courses.

In addition to these community assistance efforts, we continue to move toward completion with the construction and licensing of the community health clinic. Construction begins winding down with the tile work, doors, and cabinetry completed, but still lacking some electric and plumbing work. With the licensing process underway, we are checking out operational methods and staffing options to fit the community here. As this work continues to progress, we are looking into information to be able to ship equipment items into Ecuador with the approval from the Department of Health here in Ecuador. We appreciate the support and assistance of so many to help move this dream into reality.



Speaking of assistance, we began scheduling groups for work projects and activities as well as our own youth camp for spring break and this summer. If it weren't for the time, strength, and love from these groups, we would not be able to reach out into the community as we have. Thanks again to those who came and rebuilt communities, uplifted youth and children, and shared the love of Christ with others here in Ecuador. We look forward to another busy summer and invite others to come, take on a project, and experience the community of Tabacundo. Contact us for information on various types of work projects and activities.

Our family continues to learn and grow in many ways it seems every day, usually with us learning a new word or phrase Kaidan has invented or watching Kaleb walk further and further. Kaidan is learning to recognize and write her letters and can write her name (even on the upholstery). She informed us the other day she did not like school and proceeded to explain to us that she gets too dusty, dirty, and muddy playing at school and for this reason does not like school. Put her in a bubble and she's ready to learn! Kaleb, however, can't wait to start each day unearthing our potted houseplants. His enjoyments during the day are riding the horse, climbing the stairs, pulling the dogs fur, and occasionally biting his sister. He walks further and further with greater balance and speed, but not without a bump or bruise every now and then. We are learning that we continue to grow, stretch, and adapt to new ideas, but not without the occasional bump and bruise. God uses many opportunities daily to grow and stretch us in ways we never could have imagined. We appreciate you taking part with us in these opportunities here in Tabacundo.

Justin, Jauna, Kaidan, and Kaleb