

Hello everyone!

Matthias and I are at the Chicago airport waiting to fly back home to Ecuador today. We made a quick trip back for my brother's wedding. Matthias is currently writing a book about fish so I figured it would be a good time to write as well. Along with us, today a team of 8 from supporting churches in Hancock, Grand Rapids, Rothbury, and Minneapolis will also be flying down to Ecuador and we will all meet together in Quito tonight. We will make our way to our town of Guayzimi and next week will be holding an evangelistic English camp for the kids in our town. Please pray for us all as we seek to serve our neighbors and speak of Christ! If you would like to contribute to help cover expenses involved with the camp, there is a separate giving link below.

The last few months have been busy with preaching, children's ministry in La Wantza, home school, and building our house. We've been talking with an established church in Catamayo (a city about 4 hours away) and they want to get involved with supporting the ministry in Nangaritza County – the area where we live. Pastor Junior and his family came to stay us a couple weeks ago to get to know the area, the ministry, and the other believers here. We were all encouraged, and excited that they are planning to send a team next Friday on the last day of the camp to help us with the graduation program. We'll be honoring the kids for their hard work, sharing testimonies, preaching the gospel, singing songs, and doing some gospel-centered skits for the kids and parents in our town.



Ray and Bobbi cruising down the Nangaritza River

We also had a visit from Ray and Bobbi Gliniski from our mission organization To Every Tribe. Ray is the Vice President of Sending and Planting. We were excited to show them around, open the Scriptures with some local friends, and discuss the work that we've done and what lies ahead.



Birthday party for a friend in Guayzimi





The garage/workshop is almost done and we are working on the foundations for the house

Our church has been growing in grace as we continue to preach Christ crucified. Several unbelieving friends have been coming off and on, and I've been talking with the workers who are helping build our house about the gospel. We are praying that God will save them! The children's ministry in La Wantza also continues to go well with a lot of kids coming to play games, hear Bible stories, and memorize verses. Please join us in prayer for our great God to do his work of salvation in the lives of our friends and neighbors around us!



The Stroup kiddos



Matthias' team won the championship



Celebrating the 4th of July with the Downs

We want to thank all of our brothers and sisters who support us in our efforts to proclaim the glories of Christ to the people of Nangaritza County, Ecuador! May He receive all the glory.

With love and affection,
the Stroups

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