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# *The Morris* Family to the people of *Ecuador*

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**March / April 2024**

Dear Pastors and praying Friends,

The last prayer letter we wrote in January found us state side in Tennessee. We mentioned the need to take care of a few things including applying for our visas again. We would like to give you an exciting update regarding the status of our visas. As the last prayer stated, we had issues trying to renew our visas in Ecuador which led us needing to apply for our visas in the states instead. Last summer we enquired about how to get our permanent visas and according to some that we talked to, we lacked a few things. The main requirement for the permanent visas is to be in the country for at least 21 months straight which we had. Fast forward to February 29, 2024 and we had our meeting to obtain our religious visas again. You can only get the religious visa twice so this would be our last time and we would need to try and apply for our permanent visas in two years down in Ecuador. By God's grace, provision and mercy, He gave us favor with the Ecuadorian consulate in Atlanta as they told us we could go ahead and apply for our permanent visas since we were already living there for twenty-one months. We lack one document as we write this letter and are praying we can get it from Ecuador to the consulate before our scheduled departure back to Ecuador on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

With all that said, these last two months have been filled with many things.

First, as the year began, we had the opportunity to see a lot of our family and also see Mandy's family from Washington state visit us in Tennessee.

Also during the month of January, we had opportunities to minister in our home sending church along with being a part of their missions month. We also found ourselves in a few more supporting churches.

In February we were able to be part of another missions month, missions conference and in another one of our supporting churches. These times were such a blessing to rekindle friendships and minister in these churches. In one of our supporting churches they currently have a Spanish church service and I was able to practice my Spanish and preach.

We always thank the Lord for the help we have received from other missionaries while being on the field. One of those veteran missionaries is Brother Richard Hurst who started two churches in the big city Guayaquil. We learned he and his wife Anna will be moving back to the states to take over the Spanish ministry in their home sending church. We thank them for their wonderful example and counsel to us and we are excited as God will use them in the Spanish ministry there.

With all this said, we are missing the people and church in Ecuador and look forward to our return very soon.

Another unexpected blessing besides the visa status I already mentioned is, we learned of another couple that have been called to Ecuador and this past weekend we had an opportunity to meet with them. Please pray for Ryan Powers and his family.

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Thank you again for your prayers and support! We could not do what we are doing in Ecuador without you. May God Bless you and your ministries this year, we are praying for you as you reach your part of the world!

Sincerely,

Keith, Mandy, Cecilia, Klarah and Isalah Morris

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## Prayer Requests

For Salvation: Paulette, Allan, Danny's family, Jeremy, Alajandro, Elena

**Other needs:** Our VISA process and travels/ Continuing to become more fluent in Spanish for our entire family / Sign language interpreters to be able to help during the service and possible deaf ministry expansion/ Outreach and evangelistic efforts to be fruitful / Homeschool for Ceci, Isalah & Klarah / The church in Ecuador in our absence. We will have several men from our church to help while we are gone (Bro Darwin who is training for the ministry and others), and we are thankful for their help. Also, we will have some pastors come from Guayaquil to preach during some of the services. / Souls to be saved!!/Flight back to Ecuador March 12 is pending on visas/Floods to cease in Ecuador

**Praises:** Permanent Visas instead of religious visas/ Our opportunity to see family and church family while in the states/ good health and safety while in the states/doctor appointments and a few dental visits



Flooding Milagro, Ecuador February



Pastor Tito from Guayaquil and Brother Darwin February