

Christian Seeking Identity Newsletter

CBC Missions - Ecuador

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CBC Ireland comes to Ecuador

February 21 through February 28 we hosted the second year students from CBC Ireland in Salinas Ecuador where we worked with Pastor Danny Delgado and his wife Tonia

It was a beautiful experience as we watched two opposite cultures from two opposite sides of the world come together in unity. Languages and cultures are different, but the heart of man is the same through out the world. People everywhere have the same desires, and needs and they all respond in the same manner to the love of God. I don't know when I have seen people embrace and enjoy each other more! The students ministered in various churches and outreaches in the area.

The mayor of the city invited us to the city hall where he asked us to pray for the wisdom he needed in order to "father" his families as their mayor. His duties as mayor kept him from spending the time with his own family and that concerned him, but at the same time his burden for the people of his community was that like a father has for his own children. He sees the church as a tool to reach out to the people and he had given several plots of land in poor neighborhoods to various churches with that in mind.

Pastor Danny was given a plot of land in the neighborhood called Velazco Ibarra. The highlight of the trip was the experience that we had with the team in this neighborhood. We were invited to participate with Pastor Danny's church as they initiated their church plant in the area. We visited the homes and invited the children to a meeting where each child would be given a blessing box donated by "Samaritan's Purse."







In less than an hour two hundred children arrived at the designated meeting place. The whole thing impacted the people so much that even the parents were heard asking, "Will the church be for adults too?"

The whole thing presented a beautiful picture of God's love and his commitment towards mankind. The neighborhood sprung up on a reclaimed land fill that was of no value to anyone else. God is able to make streams of water flow out of a barren wasteland and he is able to find hidden treasures in what looks like darkness or to put it bluntly, "The Dump." It reminded me of the Old Testament principle concerning the year of Jubilee.

And you shall hallow the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you; and each of you shall return to his ancestral possession [which through poverty he was compelled to sell], and each of you shall return to his family [from whom he was separated in bond service].

Moreover, the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance by oppression, thrusting them out of their property; what he gives to his sons he shall take out of his own possession, so that none of My people shall be separated from his [inherited] possession.

Leviticus 25:10,18

We were certainly blessed to be a part of this experience as well as all the other ones that the CBC Ireland team had. It was beautiful to see the metamorphosis take place in the lives of the students... seeing God work in and through them. What an impact they made to the Salinas community.

God Bless you.

Your friends, Mickey & Suzan

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