

A Blessed CHRISTmas to you all,

“Unto us a child is born...”

It is with great joy we write to you as we celebrate **new birth**. **New birth** in the form of Christ being formed and growing in each one of us just as He grew in Mary’s womb over 2000 years ago. Galatians 4:19 says *“But oh, my dear children! I feel as if I am going through labor pains for you again, and they will continue until Christ is fully developed in your lives.”* (NLT) **New birth** in the form of our 3rd grandbaby, Gabriel Adrian, born to Kellyann and Rodrigo in Atlanta on Dec. 9. **New birth** in the form of new and growing believers here at the Door of Hope. God is moving and we are celebrating as well as striving to keep up. Bring it on in 2012.

All of this is **new birth** after much waiting and working as led by our Holy God. Last Christmas we were still living in the tent. It is amazing how the Holy Spirit has prepared us and folks from the community for all He has done, is doing and will do. We are progressively humbled as we get to see it all unfold—first in our hearts and then with our eyes. We praise God for his provision and his vision. We thank all of you for sticking with God’s plan here in Ecuador even through some uncertain financial times and poor communication on our part. We recognize, as well as suffer these same challenges while encouraging you to hope and invest even more in the ‘eternal’ work of God on earth. The prophet Jeremiah bought land even while the enemy camped at the gates of Jerusalem knowing that the exile in Babylon would last 70 years. Now that is faith that we want to exemplify here at La Puerta de Esperanza.

“With Jesus’ help, let us continually offer our sacrifice of praise to God by proclaiming the glory of his name. Don’t forget to do good and to share what you have with those in need, for such sacrifices are very pleasing to God.” Hebrews 13:15-16 (NLT)

Our community sends greetings with open arms and thankful hearts!! They look forward to meeting you all one day, and they do pray for you. A brief update is included on the back with plans for more details coming in March.

Feliz Navidad y Prospero Ano,

Tim and Daina Datwyler, your missionaries in Ecuador
The Door of Hope is none other than Jesus Christ—our risen Lord

Some of the recent blessings here at the Door of Hope

- General Conference was held last month-Silvio Cevallos was elected as the new bishop, 2 superintendents and a new board were also elected. We have new hope in the direction God is leading the national church.
- Training on Wesley - Taught and led by a few pastors from Monterrey (our old stomping ground- Seminary Juan Wesley) is helping the church form an identity and understand how we are connected. 50 pastors and lay leaders participated in a 2 day workshop.
- Hope Bible Institute (HBI) -continues to grow and bear fruit. Some new and exciting plans are in the works to further establish HBI to train more pastors and lay people.
- Ministry progress in Chaquibamba-weekly kid's church is going so strong we are running out of room. Weekly youth gatherings are exciting with 8-25 adolescents hungry for fellowship and the word.
- Sunday Worship celebrations- Advent, home visits, new faces, half are kids who come alone and several are bringing their parents ('and a child will lead them'). Help—we need more chairs and soon a larger space to meet.
- Construction progress- **1.** The house is coming along with MANY details to be completed in 2012. **2.** Avocado sales fund the ministry kitchen construction. **3.** Gift from Ooltewah UMC, TN funds front wall/fence being built right now.
- New Missionaries for Ecuador- Graham and Sharon Nichols will arrive Dec. 15 and begin language/culture training in Quito in Jan.
- Tim and Daina- will be stateside for the month of January for TMS training and to gather our kids (and Daina's mom) for an Orlando vacation/family reunion. It will be a wonderful chance to be together because it has been over 6 years since we have all been in the same place. Please pray for a special family time for us all.
- Datwyler kids- Kevin is living in Chattanooga, TN and is working as the stock manager at Petsmart. Amanda and Eli are still in Monterrey, MX. Amanda just began a new job as an executive assistant to the director of a prestigious school. Kellyann and Rodrigo live in Atlanta with RJ, Natalia and Gabriel. Rodrigo will finish at Asbury Theological Seminary this spring. Kellyann got her BA in teaching but has decided to stay home with her kids.