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Portoviejo/Crucita Ministry & Earthquake



Portoviejo Earthquake Update

This has been an incredibly busy but productive summer! In June and July, Vicky, Sarah, and I were blessed to take a trip back to Portoviejo, Ecuador, Vicky's hometown. We saw some of the devastation from the two earthquakes that occurred only a few days apart in April. Both of these earthquakes were above seven on the Rector scale!

Portoviejo was built on a diverted riverbed, making the ground in the middle of town very unstable. Thus, most of the buildings in the town center either came down or will need to be demolished because they are simply unsafe. There is a complete section of the town center sealed off where no one is allowed inside except for the crews razing the buildings to the ground. All of the buildings inside this corridor are scheduled for demolition. Many other buildings outside this circle are also now vacant, waiting to be leveled. Now, there are policemen guarding the streets to these buildings to keep everyone out. Through-



Outside the city center, there is an airport that has not been used as such for several years. Instead, it has served as a meeting place for people who wanted to walk or play music and dance. It is now a tent city for some of the many, many people who have no other place to live. They need our prayers!

The church building, we have invested in this past year suffered only minor damage! Only some ceiling tiles and framing for the

ceiling were affected. So much has taken place since we began to invest in the renovation of the building and ministry of the Light of Life church. Vicky's parents have pastored this church for many years without seeing much growth. I felt this lack of growth was largely due to their facility. The church had no place for children's ministry and there was little involvement in the church on the part of the younger generation. Before making the investment in the building, I had some serious conversations with Vicky's siblings, their spouses, and Vicky's parents. Her parents were very open to making some changes in the ministry, adding the second floor to the building, and providing a place for children's ministry and the CTC program that also operates in the church.



out the city there are vacant lots where buildings have already been removed. In some places there are small memorials to those who lost their lives. I'm told that over 800 people lost their lives in Portoviejo alone!



Vicky's older brother, Antonio, and his wife, Marjorie, are CTC students. God is raising them up to pastor the church! With our encouragement, they have made some changes to the format of the ministry in their Saturday evening service. This has brought about growth from what was basically a family ministry of a dozen adults and eight children to their recent attendance of **40 adults and 15 children on Saturday evening** and **40 adults and 60 children on Sunday morning**. Even some of the older

teens in the family are taking responsibility to teach the younger children. Vicky's father continues to preach on Sunday mornings.

In addition to this, Vicky's younger brother, Christian, and his wife, Lissete, began a **children's ministry** in **Crucita**, a poor area on

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the coast about 40 minutes from Portoviejo. Their ministry meets each Sunday morning in a rented building. With the help of some adults from Portoviejo, their ministry has grown from 25 kids to over 60! Now even local parents are starting to get involved! Before the earthquake,

Christian and Lisette ministered to about 200 kids. After the earthquake, many people moved away or lost their homes. The



Sunday I took these photos, there were over 20 adult women from Crucita beginning disciple-



ship.

Before Vicky and I flew to Peru, Christian and his father asked me to go with them to speak



to an American, a believer, who lived in Crucita. This gentleman had recently lost the lower part of one



leg in a motorcycle accident and was moving his family back to the US. He owns a



home that is in need of some repair due to the earthquakes. This house would provide an excellent opportunity for Christian to move his family



to Crucita and pioneer a church. The home has a large covered area at the entrance to the house that could provide a place for the future church to meet. There presently is no evangelical church ministry in Crucita. Missionary Ventures is providing some funding to help us repair damage and make the home safe.

Christian & Lisette are asking for ITM's support to help them make this move. Lisette attends university in Portoviejo five days a week while Vicky's mother watches Asaph, their 14-month old son. ITM has committed \$400 per month to stand with them. Christian will pioneer the ministry and together they will go through the CTC program so he can be credentialed. God is an awesome God! **We need your help! I'm looking for 12 families or individuals to sponsor this family for one month each. That is only a \$400 offering that will have a major impact on this community. In addition, we need another 12 of you to sponsor the children's ministry that is also running \$400 per month. Please consider sponsoring a month! We are believing God to win Crucita to Christ—through its children.**

Below are some photos of the newly renovated **Light of Life** church in Portoviejo. You can see the sign painted on the side of a building, on the corner to our street, advertising the location.

It continues to amaze me how God is using ITM to make a difference worldwide. This would not be possible without your faithful giving and sacrifices. Your partnership means rewards are being laid up in heaven to your account. Vicky and I have dealt with declining personal support each month this year while God continues to open new doors and bless the work. We just learned that the owner is now interested in selling the home that Christian and Lisette are renting to pioneer the church. Join us in prayer as we seek God's direction. Please do all that you can to stand with these projects. Time is running out for us to make a difference! Let's do this and help Christian & Lisette glorify God in Crucita!

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A plaque was hung in the entrance to PTL for those who gave



\$500 or more to this project. A special thank you to everyone who gave. The "Light of Life" is definitely shining brighter! Blessings!! PTL!!!



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