

# Luz del Mundo

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## Time Well Spent

I have made it back to Ecuador once again and have found myself in the midst of a lot of work here. I need to complete the nursery project, Get everything ready for Cole's arrival (the young man who will be working with us in Ecuador as an "intern"), do two months worth of financials for the church, and still maintain all my English classes. All of this work built up because I spent the last 5 weeks in Pennsylvania visiting family and getting my son his driver's license and even more importantly I had to sign him up for the DEP (Delayed Entry Program) for the United States Air force. He felt he was led to enter into the military and more specifically the Air Force. Cain is only seventeen so a parents'



consent was necessary for him to sign up and since this may be the last time I will be in the States for awhile it was good timing to allow him to reserve his spot and status within the Air Force.

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## New Teaching Experiences

This past month has been a busy one for me. I started teaching English at a private Christian school with about 140 students. I am in charge of teaching English to the lower elementary students. I have the Preschool kids up to the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. It is not a job that I took to supplement our income; on the contrary, I took the job because the English proficiency levels are so bad that I agreed to

work there to help improve the students' levels of communicating and understanding the English language.

English is a mandatory subject here in Ecuador and most schools have over 5 hours of English classes in a week. The students are being taught that English is a global language

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# Shana's Corner

Hello everybody how are you all doing? I hope you are enjoying spring! I bet you are all so anxious for summer! Well this month has been a very busy month. As most of you know my dad has been up there in Franklin PA. for 5 weeks. So my mom and I have been down here by ourselves (with Xavi of course). My mom has been going to teach at the school while Xavi has been in kindergarten at the school. I have been here at the house in the morning from 7:30 till 12:30 cleaning, doing my school and making sure lunch is ready when they come home from school at 12:30.

We have also been expecting a missionary from Florida, whose name is Cole. He came down about a week ago and he will be staying with us for awhile and then he will move in with the owners of the school Emmaus (the school that my mom works at). He has been helping my dad with the church and he will be helping at the school. So that is pretty much everything that has been going on. It may not sound like much but it is. Ok then I guess you will hear more next month, bye miss you all! Have a great spring and summer!



**The pastor's wife Betsy and her daughter Tiana with me at Xavi's School.**

## **Shana's joke of the month: Forest Gump and St. Peter**

When Forest Gump died, he stood in front of St. Peter at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter said, "Welcome, Forest. We've heard a lot about you." He continued, "Unfortunately, it's getting pretty crowded up here and we find that we now have to give people an entrance examination before we let them in."

"Okay," said Forest. "I hope it's not too hard. I've already been through a test. My momma used to say, 'Life is like a final exam. It's hard.' "

"Yes, Forest, I know. But this test is only three questions. Here they are."

- 1) Which two days of the week begin with the letter 'T'?"
- 2) How many seconds are in a year?
- 3) What is God's first name?

"Well, sir," said Forest, "The first one is easy. Which two days of the week begin with the letter 'T'? Today and Tomorrow."

St. Peter looked surprised and said, "Well, that wasn't the answer I was looking for, but you have a point. I give you credit for that answer."

"The next question," said Forest, "How many seconds are in a year? Twelve."

"Twelve?" said St. Peter, surprised and confused.

"Yes, sir. January 2nd, February 2nd, March 2nd ..."

St. Peter interrupted him. "I see what you mean. I'll have to give you credit for that one, too."

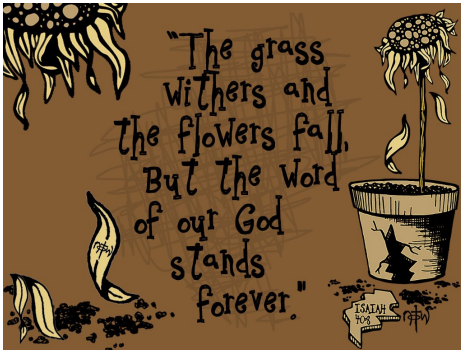
"And the last question," said Forest, "What is God's first name? It's Andy."

"Andy?" said St. Peter, in shock. "How did you come up with 'Andy'?"

"I learned it in church. We used to sing about it." Forest broke into song, "Andy walks with me, Andy talks with me, Andy tells me I am His own."

St. Peter opened the gate to heaven and said, "Run, Forest, Run!"

**Luz del Mundo**



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While back in the States I was so looking forward to not seeing cloudy rainy days but unfortunately that was not the case. As most of you know how much rain and bad weather the USA has been getting this spring it was a bit disappointing, but spending time with family and friends was well worth it. One great thing that happened was while back I had the opportunity to go back to work with my former employer for a few weeks. This was a nice financial blessing for us and will help cover some upcoming expenses. God is good!

Last Newsletter I put out a challenge to everyone for financial help to finish the nursery and Praise God the prayer and challenge was answered. We received the necessary funds to complete it and I am expecting to put the finishing touches on the nursery and have it opened to use before the 19th of June. Since my return I have had numerous people asking when I will have the nursery finished and I was excited to tell the church the good news.

Brian

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that will help broaden their opportunities for better jobs in the future. If they know English they can acquire jobs on international levels that will provide higher incomes for their families.

We had our first exams this past week and were able to see the areas in which I need to work harder or expand on previous knowledge. It has been a challenge for me because most of the students are behind and the books we are obligated to use by the school are too advanced for most of them. Right now the school where I teach is behind by about 2 years per grade level. So my goal is to take my classes to the next level. To get them to the appropriate levels so they can move forward and not end up frustrated or hating English.

For the most part my students are doing well. My biggest challenge lies with the Kindergarten class. Very unruly bunch of kids who are lacking in disci-

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pline, routine, and structure. The worst part is the teacher we had could not handle the class so she quit, which now has left the school with no kindergarten teacher. I have had my problems with them as well and have had to be very forceful with them, to the point of taking them by the hand several times to place back in their chairs. I am beginning to feel bad for the 5 out of 11 of them who really want to learn. The others are such a distraction that I have to stop teaching in order to manage the behavior.

I know at this point this is what God has called me to do. I don't know for how long. It may be for a few months or it may be longer but I will continue to teach and show His love to these children until He shows me something else. I am asking for you to pray for the kids at the school and for their little hearts to be open for instruction and love, that I can build trust between them and that they can come to me with concerns and prayer requests.

Please pray with me as I reach out to the children at this school that His love will shine through me!

Tricia

**Xavi enjoying some cake for national child day here in Ecuador**



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Ecuador Mission Outreach is a Christian Missionary family that has a calling from the Lord to live and serve Him in Santo Domingo Ecuador, by breaking through the darkness and bringing the light and hope of Christ to this land.

*Matthew 5:16*

*"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."*

Please pray for each member of the family-  
Brian, Tricia, Cain, Shana, Xavier.

● "I desire to do your will, O my God;  
your law is within my heart."  
Psalm 40:8

## Prayer Page

*Please take a look at the prayer requests and we ask that you will seek the Lord on how to pray for each request and area. We know the power of prayer and all we do is only because of the prayers of His people interceding on our behalf.*

### Prayer requests

*Continual prayer for our financial situation*

*Church Nursery*

*Cole; Young man joining us in ministry*

*The church we attend here — Iglesia de Dios "Manantial de Vida"*

*Safety and security of our Family.*

*For peace in Tricia's heart*

*Good health for our family*

*Xavi for his learning*

**Shana's prayer requests:**  
That I can learn more about  
God and become closer to Him.

