

# Greetings From Ecuador!



In this newsletter, we want to show you some of the people and ministries that have been a big part of our lives this past year.

On this page are some of the Sunday School children whose families are a part of our congregation, and their favorite teacher, a very gifted professional bi-lingual educator who has served faithfully since joining San Agustín in 1998.



On the next page are some members of our Youth Group. Besides their weekly meetings, they also participated in outings to the pool and the beach, performed dramatic skits for the congregation, and undertook several service and ministry projects for the church.



Visiting short-term teams gave us the opportunity to be involved in special projects. With a group from Twin Oaks PCA in St. Louis, we conducted an afternoon Vacation Bible Club for kids at a school in a poor area while constructing new classrooms and bathrooms in the mornings (the "before" picture tops page two). And with a short-term medical team, we helped provide health care for poor families.



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There were several "blessed additions" to our congregation, but the biggest surprise was little Maitte. It had been 18 years since her parents had their last baby!

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San Agustín and San Andrés are combining to form a new church with a national pastor, Christian Troya.

*Please Pray For:*

~The Guayaquil and Quito teams are now "Team Ecuador," with ministries organized under three Committees:

*Church Growth and Revitalization*

*Theological Education*

*Community Outreach and Economic Development*

~Ron and teammate Ramiro Araujo and other Reformed pastors are working to bring the Miami International Theological Seminary to Ecuador. We believe this will greatly advance our mission to see the Reformed faith take root and grow throughout the country.

~Pastor Troya and the new church combo as they join together and look into buying property. Pray especially for their spiritual growth and their passion for others to know Jesus.