

June 2018

Dearest friends and family,

The school year is winding down here in Quito. This means that the Vida Juvenil program here in Jardines del Inca neighborhood is finishing up. We just received a Youth Venture team that has been getting to know the city and the different programs here at the church.

The summer means a little more time to focus on things that we have left on the back burner. The Quito Mennonite Church recently participated in a retreat where I passed on ideas about pastoral team ministry, mostly with resources that Gary Martin shared with me. Thanks, Gary. The different exercises and intentional prayers have helped the church leadership to unite and think hard about working towards a common vision. We ask for continued prayers throughout this process.



We have continued to build relationships with the new Mennonite conference with churches in southern Quito and Riobamba. The Youth Venture group also had an opportunity to spend time with the youth group from one of these churches. This has been an amazing process and there are many new young believers who are especially excited about learning more about Anabaptism. We request your prayers for a planned worship and music workshop we will be working on in Riobamba in late July and also several workshops on the essentials of Anabaptism that we will give focusing towards youth in the Camino de

Esperanza church in southern Quito.

Please pray for the grandson of Pastor Segundo Aguagallo from this same congregation who is in need of a toddler walker/ gait trainer. The pediatrician has said that they can't be found here in Ecuador.

The Diaper program has started up again. Delicia and two of the Journey International volunteers have started working on cloth diapers and have looked into possibly selling them here in Quito to help raise funds to purchase more fabric. They have worked on making more than 80 up-cycled T-shirt bags, together with the help of Doña Maruja and Mary from the church, for the refugee project so they can use them instead of handing out food rations in plastic bags. Delicia has started making cloth menstrual pads, as a possible project to give out in the refugee program's hygiene kits and possibly to sell. If you are interested in helping out this project in particular here are the steps you can take to donate and support this initiative.

To give on-line you can go to this page:

<https://mmngiving.formstack.com/forms/GlobalMinistries>, first select that the donation is not for a specific worker, then choose All International Ministries, and then click "yes" to the question: "Would you like to make this donation in honor or in memory of someone?", there will be a box where you can add a comment, including LA 279 Ecuador Sewing Project.

With this kind of special project MMN retains 5% to cover administrative expenses.

Lastly we would like to give thanks to Randy, Ellen and Connor from First Mennonite in Indianapolis who had the opportunity to visit us in March. It was wonderful to have them here visiting.

Kindly

God bless

Peter, Delicia, Aliyah and Ariana

