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Dear Pastor and Church Family:

Galatians 6:9 tells us not to be "weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." We have to admit that over the years of our ministry here in Ecuador we have become weary at times of "well doing," of being a "cheerleader." I'm glad that Jesus always comes along side to encourage and strengthen us. In these last five years or so we are beginning to reap a harvest of faithful men and women who have been saved through our ministry and are now "with us in the harvest" as Dr. Carl Boonstra used to sign his letters.

This month we have four students who will be graduating from our Bible institute. One already is pastoring a church; another is in training by working with me at the mother church while his wife smashes her institute studies. The other two are very active with the youth ministry in the mother church. We thank God for his faithfulness in supplying workers for His ministry.

Sylvia is preparing for a regional ladies' retreat the end of this month. They are preparing for around 100 ladies to attend. The theme is "The Spirit Controlled Women."

We are very excited about the upcoming visit of our son Greg, his wife Peggy and their three daughters. They will be here for Father's Day. We plan to spend a few days with them at one of the beautiful beaches of Ecuador.

When we were in the States for some missions conferences, Neuse Baptist gave us \$3,000 for motorcycles. We have purchased three and the three men these go to are busy getting their licenses. These motorcycles will help them be more flexible in their ministries. They and we are grateful to Neuse Baptist for making this possible.

Thank you for your faithfulness in supporting this ministry with your prayers and finances. We could not do it without you.

Your missionaries in Ecuador,
Joe & Sylvia Wells