

September 2004

Dear Pastor & Church Family:

Greetings from Santo Domingo de los Colorados. It is our joy to report to you some of the events of the past two months in the work here in Ecuador.

We have been very busy with the different churches that have been established over the years. Some need advice and encouragement. Most of them are growing spiritually and in maturity. Some are getting ready to build and one is getting ready to call a pastor with our help financially.

- ❖ **El Carmen:** We have a plan that gives the new church the opportunity to have a pastor and in five years they will be paying him full salary. El Carmen has come to this point in less than two years. Raul Quijije, whom I mentioned in our last prayer letter, is ready to accept the position of pastor in this church. I will be teaching on the responsibilities of the church and pastor for a few weeks. After this the church will make a decision to call Raul as pastor. Please pray for Raul, his family and the church.
- ❖ **South Carolina mission team:** Southside Baptist Church of Rock Hill, South Carolina sent a mission team of 29 to work with us. They had a fruitful ministry while they were here and were a blessing to us and to the churches. Many souls were saved and some of them are in the church in El Carmen now.
- ❖ **Portoviejo:** We visited the church in Portoviejo earlier this month and they are really progressing in offerings and spiritual maturity. We have made the decision to put them in the “Project Offering”. This project will be about \$60,000. Please pray with us that God will supply that need.
- ❖ **Furlough:** Because of the need to raise money for two projects we plan to be in the States from March until July of 2005. If any of you want us to come by please let me know so that I can set up my schedule.

As always, we are thankful to God for you, our faithful supporters in the ministry here in Ecuador. Thank you for your continued support in finances and prayer.

Your missionaries in Ecuador,

Joe & Sylvia