

March 25, 2009

Dear friends,

Warm greetings to you from our wonderful God. May He bless you abundantly for your faithfulness, love, economic and spiritual help for our ministry. We continue to have work-days on Saturdays to finish the second floor as planned.

With the help of Pastor Jaime from Comité del Pueblo, we are working to prepare all the documents so that all our properties can be legalized in the name of our churches. Some are still registered under the names of their former owners.

Quito is preparing a congress of independent churches for the month of May. The organizers asked me to do a series of surveys for our church leaders to evaluate the current situation of our churches. These have been sent out. I'm glad to have this opportunity to put my university training in Sociology to work for the Lord's work.

Prayer requests:

- In a former letter I told you that my wife, Mary, and Anita Rivera, a sister from the church, are working with three Bible studies. One of their women students, an accountant by profession and single parent, is very nice. Recently someone drugged her and raped her. As a result, she has brain atrophy, trouble speaking, and lack of coordination of her arms and legs. The school where she works is helping with the cost of rehabilitation, and police are investigating suspects.
- In another home where Mary and Anita have studies, a mother is brokenhearted because her early-teenage daughter is pregnant.
- Non-Christian neighbors and friends are telling these women that this is God's judgment on them for studying the Bible with evangelicals. This is the kind of spiritual climate we work in here.
- Please pray for us and for them.

We send you a big Ecuadorian bear hug in the Lord's love,

Rigo y Mary