

BLESSINGS AND GREETINGS FROM THE HOLDENS IN ECUADOR !

We're excited to share with you the plans for an upcoming short-term mission project -

Carmen, her 3 adults daughters, and 4 grandchildren live in a size-able 3-story house built by Carmen's husband, an electrician, who has physically, emotionally, and financially abandoned the family years ago. Carmen, the single mother, grandmother, and head of the household, took on the responsibility of making the final payments on this home. She was formerly employed as an accountant for 2 small bakery businesses that have since closed due to the economic downturn in Ecuador's economy. She now tries to find odd jobs in accounting, cleaning, ironing, cooking, whatever she can find while still trying to raise an extended family of 7. Her youngest daughter, Jenny, graduated from one of Ecuador's 'free' universities and has started a job working for Quito's Electric Company. Stefanie, the second youngest daughter works part-time and attends another university full-time on grants and loans and is studying to become an accountant. Verito, her oldest daughter, is a single mother of 4 children and works 3 part-time jobs as the sole provider for her family.

BUT FIRST MEET THE FAMILY WE WILL BLESS!



**Back row: Carmen, Verito (Vero), Sondra, Alyson (Aly), Jenny
Front row: Nicolas (Nico), Anabel (Beli), Darrell, Isaias (Isa)
(Beli had open-heart surgery in 2014 to repair a hole in heart)
(Missing from photo: Stefanie)**

What we've observed in the past 4 years is they are a very hard-working family, rarely complain, give what little they have to others, have a very strong faith in the Lord despite the hardships of life, and are extremely devoted to serving in the church. Carmen serves as the church accountant and as one of the ushers. Verito serves every Sunday as one of two teachers for Children's Church. Both of them serve on the mission board. Every Saturday morning at 6am they attend intercessory prayer. They both also volunteer (and sometimes work for minimum wage of \$2.33/hr) cooking, cleaning, and helping to set up for events at the church, the seminary, and it's conference center. The grand-kids attend Sunday School, participate in church dramas, help with church rummage sales, and help their mother clean the church every Saturday. The family, as a whole opens their large house for: ladies to cook food to help raise money for the church and to house 25 youth for a annual sleep-over. They even organized lunches, drivers, and volunteers, and provided their home as a meeting place for the Woodlands Mission Team in 2015.

What we've discovered is that their home was built with faulty plumbing, the electric was never completed, the inner walls of 2 of the 3 stories were never painted and several other things are in need of repair, updating, or replacement.

For the past 3 ½ years, we have donated materials and Darrell's labor in an attempt to fix as much of the plumbing and electric as he possible can on his own.

For the past 2 years, the Lord has put it on our hearts to find a way to help make the lives of our sisters and brothers in Christ a little bit easier by bringing a team from Wisconsin to help make their home more safe, healthy, and comfortable!

CHANGO-TAIPE FAMILY PROJECT 2019

* **Community Church of Stevens Point will be sending a team of volunteers early 2019** to work on this project. Between the manpower they will supply and the manpower we have access to in Ecuador, we should have a team of 10-20 people.

* **We will be hosting the team and project.** Pete Emery (of Extreme Response, a partner ministry of Reach Beyond), will manage the logistics, supervise the team, and train them in the skills needed.

**WHAT IS NEEDED IN THE NEXT 90 DAYS (before Oct 30)
IS MORE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE MATERIALS NEEDED
- AND YOUR PRAYERS !**

PHASE 1: TOTAL REPLACEMENT OF 3 STORIES OF FAULTY PLUMBING, REPAIR VENTILATION SHAFT, REMEDY LEAK/MOLD ISSUES, REPLACE BROKEN WINDOW = \$4,121.25

CRUCIAL to the family's health, safety, well-being,
and vitally necessary to avoid permanent damage to the home.

Balance still needed : \$211.13

PHASE 2: ELECTRIC UPDATES AND REPAIRS = \$691.50

VERY IMPORTANT to the family's health, safety, well-being,
and the ability to function better in their home.

Balance still needed: \$691.50

PHASE 3: GET ALL BATHROOMS IN WORKING ORDER AND OTHER MISC REPAIRS = \$1,270.00

IMPORTANT to the family's ability to function better in their home
and to serve their church more easily when church activities take place in their home.

Balance still needed: \$1,270.00

Additional Blessings for Entire Family:

Curtain rods and curtains for various rooms in house (many windows have none): **\$500**

Area rug for living room: **\$250**

Sturdy welcome mats, 2 large dish racks, kitchen towels/pot holders, Pyrex containers, Tupperware: **\$250**

Microwave: **\$250**

Futon with bunk and mattresses (for 3 children now sleeping on pieces of soft foam on a bed frame): **\$500**

1 year's supply of quality vitamins for the single mom and 3 youngest children: **\$250**

Cushions for various pieces of furniture (that have none): **\$250**

Additional Blessings for Head of the Household:

New Pillows for Her Bed: **\$50**

New Bedspread for Her Bed: **\$75**

New Set of Sheets/Pillow Cases her Her Bed: **\$50**

Lamp/Pole Lamp for Her Bedroom: **\$50**

Throw Rug for Her Bedroom: **\$25**

Lock for Door of Her Bedroom: **\$25**

Multi-Frame for Family Photos Taken/Developed plus Christian Wall Art: **\$75**

**IF THE LORD PUTS IT ON YOUR HEART
TO HELP WITH ANY OR ALL OF THE 3 PHASES OF THE PROJECT
PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECK TO:**

**EXTREME RESPONSE INTERNATIONAL
P.O. BOX 345
SNELLVILLE, GA 30078-0345**

**PLEASE WRITE: Holden Team EC1901 IN THE MEMO LINE OF YOUR CHECK
If you donate on-line at extremeresponse.org please select the same project name and acct #**

- THESE GIFTS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

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**IF THE LORD PUTS IT ON YOUR HEART
TO HELP WITH ANY OR ALL OF THE ADDITIONAL BLESSINGS FOR THE FAMILY
PLEASE ATTACH A NOTE STATING WHICH ITEM(S) YOU WISH TO HELP PURCHASE
AND SEND YOUR CHECK TO:**

**HOLDEN'S - C/O TINA BUSH
6031 ASHBURY DR
WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI 54494**

THESE BLESSINGS ARE NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE

OR - - - FOR TAX-DEDUCTIBLE BLESSINGS SEND YOUR CHECK TO:

**RIPE FOR HARVEST
P.O. BOX 487
MONUMENT, CO 80132-0487**

PLEASE WRITE: Holden Psalm 61:10 Project 20099 IN THE MEMO LINE OF YOUR CHECK

If you donate on-line at ripeforharvest.org please select the same project name and acct#

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**WE ARE EXCITED AND LOOK FORWARD TO WHAT THE LORD WILL DO!
~ DARRELL AND SONDRA HOLDEN ~**