



Holden Newsletter - June 2018

We hope the following highlights will help you find and read what interests you!

MAIN TOPICS

MAIN POINTS

PRAYER REQUESTS / PRAISES



Dear Friend, Encourager, Partner-in-Mission,

WHEN CHANGE OFFERS A BLESSING !

We all seem to resist change when, perhaps, we should welcome it. We all know that change is inevitable yet challenging. Perhaps we resist it because we need to adapt, which takes energy, or maybe it's because we're afraid of the unknown. And yet change has the potential to produce more fruit than if it never occurred. Because even before the change happens, God is there, preparing the way for blessings, because of His abounding Grace, Mercy, and Love for every one of His children, and for every one who does not yet know Him. **We trust and are thankful that the Lord is at work in each change.**

REACH BEYOND CHANGES

- **in the logo format** (see upper right corner of this page)
- **in leadership, vision, and global goals** seeking to add 300 more RB missionaries globally
- **in ministry focus in Ecuador** focusing more on mentoring Latin American pastors and missionaries
- **at the Reach Beyond facilities in Ecuador** the demolition, closing, and/or rental of various spaces, the relocation of ministry bases, offices, and the HCJB radio facility/studios
- **SONDRA 's schedule** to help with gardening projects has changed from part-time to occasional volunteer. She now also serves as a mentor in English to both RB Ecuadorian staff and Latin American missionaries-in-training.
- **DARRELL is acquiring additional duties** as Crisis Management Coordinator. He is now training evacuation, fire, and medical brigades composed of Ecuadorian employees and missionaries, training school teachers and staff at the Alliance Christian Academy in first-aid and triage, and conducting simulations to practice these skills. He has also acquired a number of additional maintenance/remodeling projects because of the many physical changes taking place at the RB facility.

We are praising the Lord for these new opportunities!



EXTREME RESPONSE (ER) QUITO FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER (QFRC) CHANGES

- **ER now ministers to not only the dump workers but also to street recycler families and families at risk**
 - **The Men's Program** is now conveniently located in a building at the Zambiza Dump site where several men are learning carpentry, electric, welding skills, family values, and spiritual support for abstinence from addictions.
 - **The Women's Program** now has up to 75 women weekly and is focusing on new micro-business skills.
 - **The Day-Care Program** is looking to re-locate to be able to serve more pre-schoolers.
 - **The After-School Program** now has a new Program Director plus 1 full-time and part-time teacher, all Ecuadorian, who are doing an amazing job with the kids!
 - **SONDRA is excited to now be serving in the After-School Program 2 days every week. The number of children in the program has increased from 32 to 40.** She also attends the new Family Night Event one Sunday per month, helps translate for visiting teams from the U.S., and ministers to the ladies in the Woman's Program monthly, focusing on encouragement and prayer with both single and married mothers.
 - **THE GLOBAL OUTREACH TEAM from our church in Wisconsin will be supporting a future ER project which will minister to a Zambiza family of 5!** The parents formerly worked in the garbage dump but through the support of ER now work part-time as a mechanic's assistant and seamstress. The project involves building a new cement block, multi-room home because of the loss of their one-room dirt floor home in an avalanche.
- Our prayer is for a team to serve in 2019-20! We will post details later via newsletter, email, and mailings.**

DUNAMIS CHANGES

The plans to move the girls into the new facility and to build the security wall around the new property have slowed down a bit due to the following circumstances:

- **Boris, the founder**, who is young in age and in ministry, is being mentored in Administration/Communication.
 - **Fernanda, his wife**, gave birth to their 3rd child and is home-schooling their 2 other young children
 - **Jeremy, a North American missionary**, is the new Program Director, giving guidance to Boris and Fernanda and managing the program for the girls rescued from human-trafficking.
 - **New government laws** state that the girls can not live at the new facility until the wall is complete.
- SONDRA** will temporarily step back from serving in the program until the girls are settled into the new facility and the staff training is complete. She will put her energy into improving communication with the staff, while promoting involvement from U.S. and Ecuadorian churches to provide visiting teams and funds for their projects.
- THE GLOBAL OUTREACH TEAM (from our home church from Wisconsin) will be supporting a future project to build a portion of the security wall around the new Dunamis facility! Our prayer is for a team to serve in 2020-21! We will post details much via newsletter, email, and mailings.**

CHANGING THE LIVES OF SINGLE MOTHERS

Sintia, cleaning lady, (3 kids, 1 with disabilities)



In 2016, the divorce rate in Ecuador increased by 12.2%, 30% due to more than 6 months of abandonment, and the average duration of a marriage fell below 14.7 years. Often fathers need to find work far from their home and may fall into the temptation of macho-ism and the sin of infidelity. **No matter how you add up the numbers, there are too many single mothers and fatherless children to count and seemingly to help. Yet helping even just one single-mother can have an eternal impact !**

(Center) Verito (3 jobs, 4 kids), Carmen (2 jobs, 3 kids)



Wendy, 21 yr old mother of 6 yr old son, seamstress



Sonia, mother of 3, dump laborer, now seamstress

For nearly 10 years, Sondra was a single mother, experiencing first-hand the burdens placed on a single-parent of 2 young children. But she believes that the Lord allowed this in her life to give her empathy and compassion for others who experience the same. This is why she builds relationships with single (and married) mothers of the Zambia dump/recycling community and other single mothers in our local community.

This year we are planning a project to improve the health and safety standards in the home of a family in our small Ecuador church. Carmen's family consists of a grandmother, 3 daughters, and 4 grand-kids. We are working with staff from Extreme Response to install all brand-new plumbing through out their house, and to improve conditions through electrical, moisture content, and painting projects to name a few. We have staff support from ER to manage the details of both a visiting team and for the entire project. We also already have a significant portion of the funds needed as well as a team of Ecuadorians who are willing to help.

Praise God that one of our supporting churches in Wisconsin plans to send a team here in early 2019! In the near future, we will send out a special letter giving you the opportunity to participate in this project as well! But what we need right now is **YOUR PRAYERS - that all the manpower and financial support needed for this project will come through!** The Lord has put this project on Darrell's heart for more than 3 years . Praying with each other, with others, and moving ahead in faith, we trust that the Lord will provide what this family needs through those to whom He speaks!



Back: Stefa, Carmen, Jenny, Darrell
Middle: Nico, Isa, Aly, Verito
Front: Beli



Back: Carmen, Verito, Sondra, Aly, Jenny
Middle: Nico, Darrell, Isa
Front: Beli

CHANGING OUR ECUADOR HOME

Due to recent security issues and various inconveniences we're leaving our small 728 sq ft. apt and moving into a highly secure, tranquil, and spacious 1,400 sq. ft. apt, still in the Carcelen area. (It just so happens that a high-ranking Military Police Officer owns and lives in the new location.) We praise God for the abundant blessing of this beautiful, safe, apartment where we will also be able to provide indoor/outdoor space for various church and ministry activities. With the Lord's help we should be completely moved in by Aug 31. Click on link to see building. Apt is in upper left 2 stories.

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Living Room
with
Fireplace
and
Bamboo
Floors





**Large
kitchen
and
dining
area**



**Two
large
bedrooms**



**Den
and
plenty of
large
closets**



**Large
bath-
rooms,
one
with
bathtub
(rare)!**



CHANGING OUR U.S. ADDRESS !

In order for Tina to scan and email your cards and letters to us,
please send them to this **NEW ADDRESS BELOW:**

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c/o Tina Bush

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**Please pray for the Bush family who are adjusting to their new home
and hoping to become foster parents!**

(For More Prayer Requests/Praises and Photos – See Part Two)

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