

Arajuno, Ecuador
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Dear Friends,

"... As Christ was raised from the dead...we also should walk in newness of life." One of the first vivid impressions we have of Fermeen is his stumbling around and loudly ranting in a drunken stupor. Last Sunday, Christmas morning, we had the very great joy of seeing his obedience to Christ manifest as he and his wife along with other young folks took their stand in being baptized.

The unbelievers lined up along Arajuno river as Fermeen stepped into the water and spoke boldly of his faith in Christ, his desire to follow his Lord and of his resolution to leave the old life. "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature." In our last letter we spoke of our plans to move to this new area called Arajuno. This we did in April of this year, and God has confirmed His guidance to us by blessing His Word here. Five Indians obeyed the Lord's commandment in baptism last Sunday. A number of others have made a profession but were not baptized. Will you pray with us specifically for these new believers: 1 that all of them will be encouraged to take their place in being baptized. 2. That all of them will continue on faithfully in things of God, being filled with the Holy Spirit and manifesting gifts given from above.

A good deal of our time here is spent in literacy work amongst the adults as well as the children. Married men and women are learning to read along with their own children and younger brothers and sisters. One unusual pupil the community's leading witch doctor – a man unusually possessed of demon power and a true child of the devil. Notwithstanding, he is hearing the Word of God daily and although he seems to grow more bitter and is more openly opposed to the message of God, knows but that the Spirit of God will choose to soften and bring to repentance his wicked and wretched heart. If you believe it is possible will you pray with us: 1. That God will save Him 2. That many others who are hindered by this man's influence will be swept into the kingdom of God, casting aside all fear and following the Lord Christ.

During the past year, we have been able to preach the name of Jesus in areas where His precious name had not yet been heard. In these places there is dullness and an apparent lethargy which originates from Satan. Yet we believe that in these places as in our present stations God is touching hearts and will select some to glorify the name of His son in singing His praises. Will you pray: 1. Some will be saved in these places where Christ is preached. 2. That during this new year we will have the privilege of declaring the gospel to more souls who still sit in darkness.

We as a family wish to send our greetings to all of our friends and thank you personally for your prayers on our behalf. The two boys, Steve and Mike, as well as ourselves are in good health for which we continue to be grateful. May all of you find joy in this new year as you continue to serve the Lord of glory. Christian love to you all.

Prayerfully,
Marilou and Ed McCully

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