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Charlotte Stephen



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Greetings from Our Byrd Nests *with a blessed future* ❤️

Dear Pastor and Church,

April 12, 2023

Charlotte and I want to express our appreciation and thanks for the opportunity and privilege to serve the Lord for these past 44 years, since 1992 as your missionaries to Guayaquil, Ecuador with the World Baptist Fellowship Mission Agency.

We are grateful for your constant prayers and support.

We are writing to inform you that due to a health issue with Stephen, we will be returning to the States sometime in April or May to retire. This is dependent upon the time needed to complete matters here in Ecuador.

We are happy to report that the Lord has blessed the missionary ministry that you sent us here to do. Two churches have been started and established: Iglesia Biblica Bautista La Esperanza Huancavilca and the Iglesia Biblica Bautista La Esperanza Albonor. Both churches have their own multi-level buildings constructed on their own land. Both churches and buildings are debt free, and both have ordained pastors. God is blessing both churches and pastors and there is great love and unity within them.

Though Charlotte and I are sad to be leaving, we are at great peace and security that the churches will continue to be strong and faithful to the Lord and to one another.

We ask you to pray for the churches here in Guayaquil, Ecuador for the members and their pastors that the Lord will sustain and guide them. Please pray for us that the Lord will strengthen us, give special health to Stephen, and help us to readjust and make the transition as we return to the States.

Thank you for your love, care and understanding.

Blessings,

Stephen and Charlotte Byrd