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## Greetings from Our Byrd Nests for a blessed future ❤️

*Dear Prayer Friends,*

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Greetings from the warm South! Garner, NC, that is, where we have retired near our son Matthew and his wife Paige. For new residents like us this weather is welcome since we are so accustomed to the heat in Ecuador.

### **Transition**

When we first arrived back in the States in August, we were able to stop in North Carolina to check on the rental we had picked for our new home. After that we flew to Missouri to see Jonathan and his wife Mickayla for our granddaughter Abigail's first birthday. We left three days later to fly to Stow, Ohio where Charlotte had her cataract eye surgery checkup. We then packed a minivan full of all the items we had in storage at Charlotte's brother's house in Ohio and drove back to Garner to begin unpacking our new life in the States. Shortly thereafter a large shipping container arrived with our possessions from Ecuador. What a whirlwind first month after arriving in the States. We are happy to report the Lord is helping us make the transition from being active missionaries. We are still busy and serving, preaching in Stephen's home state of West Virginia (almost Heaven) throughout November.

### **Baptism**

God continues His blessings upon the churches. Both the Albonor church and the Huancavilca church were blessed with people being saved and then baptized. Albonor baptized three and Huancavilca three also. We enjoyed getting to hear them talk about the experience of doing the baptisms in the new baptistry. Please continue to pray for the two church pastors: Miguel Mejía at Albonor, and Eduardo Figueroa at Huancavilca. We are encouraged greatly by the manner in which they lead the congregations.

### **Missions and Sunday School Campaign**

Miguel led the Albonor church in a Sunday School campaign centered around 'The Crowns Christians May Receive.' Both churches had their Mission Month in September and God was honored by their commitments, sacrifices, and dedication. We are encouraged and thankful for their continuing to go forward and preach the Word.

Thankful For Your Faithful Prayers,  
*Stephen & Charlotte*



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