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Greetings friends. It's a new year and a new decade. We are thinking of you and are praying for you.

Plans for 2020: Bible Clubs: Our main focus is our Bible clubs. We will continue our current Bible clubs, start new clubs and turn over some of current clubs to the Nationals, where there are evangelical churches. **House churches:** Our focus will be to encourage and provide biblical training to the few house church pastors and leaders in our villages. **Coastal Bible clubs:** In May, we will send our E-Team to the Coast to explore opportunities to expand Pate Ministries Bible clubs on the Coast. Please pray that they will be able to go in May.



COVID-19 Pandemic: This virus has affected many lives and our ministry. Our mission teams are on hold for now. We were able to leave Ecuador with our Intern Colby, just 10 hours prior to the lockdown. It was a miracle. Please pray for our E-team as they endure through this. Note: We are still paying the full-time E-team as they could not survive without pay. We are trusting for God's faithfulness with the Ministries finances. Ecclesiastes 7:8 "Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit."



Special Newsletter Contributor: Andrés Gomezcoello, our E team leader, will share with you from his heart in the next paragraphs. Andrés is a strong believer, husband and father of two.

"Greetings from Cuenca-Ecuador. This is Andrés part of the E-Team. We can start with the Christmas celebration in the 9 kids clubs. We were sharing that Jesus is the reason for the season and that no matter what are situations, economical or spiritual we always can accept the greatest gift which is eternal Life through Jesus Crist. After Christmas we started the Bible clubs again. They were anxiously waiting for us and as soon as they saw the van they start shouting, "The Gringos are coming." I'm not a Gringo (white skin and blond hair), but I felt so good. Being welcome to share the gospel with the kids is priceless. There are sometimes that some people in the community act the opposite way and don't like our presence there, but God



showed us through those kids that the work that we are doing for him is not futile. We kept doing the kids clubs until March 1st. We were really happy to receive the first team of this new decade, even with the corona virus outbreak in China. It was very inspiring for me seeing and meeting the people who are mission minded and also willing to serve the lord even with the difficulties of this days. Also, Fernando our bus driver, accepted the Lord! What a great news. Thank you all for praying for him.



Today, we are locked-down under martial law due to the coronavirus. This situation makes me recall, that a couple months ago, we were under martial law because of the strikes. In those days we were able to travel to the clubs by taking different dirt roads to avoid the ones that where block. We taught them the importance of prayer and trust in God so we can have Peace in Him. After two weeks everything went back to normal and we asked them if they were praying and trusting in the Lord. Some of them told us that they gather at night with their parents (non-Christians) to pray and ask for protection. I am pretty sure that some of the kids are these days trusting and improving their relationship with the Lord. I will like to say all of them, because we as Christians are ready to die because our last breath here will be our first breath in heaven, but there are a lot of kids in Ecuador and in the world that do not have this hope in Christ. Thank you so much. I love you all. May God bless you and protect you. 1 Corinthians 15:58 "So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless."



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Blessings, Gary & Dena Pate

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