



The Maynards

Preparing to Serve in **Ecuador**

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WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE !

In case you were wondering what happened to our old website—it has gone away.

We are excited about our new website, www.maynardfamily-ecuador.com

Now we can post video and audio files of Jason's music, share our prayer letter archive, and all for a much lower cost.

[Click here to see our latest funny video from Ecuador called "Monkey Juice" !](#)

8/9/10 !

If there is one thing that I have learned on this journey through pre-field ministry is that God has His own timetable, and He knows best. Many times we have tried to map out how long we thought it would take us to get to Ecuador hoping that God would agree. At first we hoped maybe it would be a year or two. Now, in year three of our travels we realize that He has a specific ministry school for each person to go through, and we are thankful for all the things He has continued to teach us.

Occasionally I believe God allows us to set a goal, with the right attitude, and to pray that He allows it to be met according to His will. Our teammates, the Davolls, said in 2006 that they wanted to leave for language school on 8/8/08. They reached that goal—actually, they tried to get their airline tickets for 8/5/08 and were not able to find seats until 8/8/08. I think the Lord has a sense of humor!



We have decided to ask the Lord to allow us to leave on **8/9/10**. I don't believe there is anything particularly special about those numbers I just want to be able to remember the date easily. Right now we are at **57%** of our needed support, which leaves us about **\$2400** per month short of 100%. We believe that the Lord can provide that support in the next 10 months!

In order to be able to leave for language school, we have to attend some training at ABWE called **Field Prep Seminar**. The Seminar is offered in March and November each year, but in order to be invited to attend a missionary has to be at **85% support** the month before the seminar. We are asking you to pray with us that the Lord would allow us to meet that 85% mark by February 2010 so that we can attend the March training. That would require just \$1388 in monthly support, and would be a huge surge of momentum that we would need to reach the field by August. We know that many churches and individuals are reviewing their budgets and crunching numbers to see if they are able to add any new missionaries this year. Please pray that, years from now, we would remember 8/9/10 as a monument to something AMAZING that only the Lord could have accomplished!

Fall Fun

It has been a couple of months since our last prayer letter, so here are a few of the highlights of the past couple of months or so.

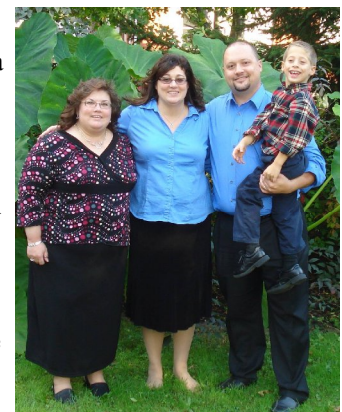
- August 23d we were in New York visiting Bradford Baptist Church in Bradford, NY, and Grace Baptist in Marion, NY. We made many new friends at both places, and Joey especially enjoyed the swimming pool at the Ayers house.
- We ended August on the 30th with a trip to Calvary Church in Newark, NY.
- September 13th we visited Faith Baptist Church in Yorks Corners, NY in the morning, and then traveled to Addison, NY to visit Borden Baptist Church in the evening.
- Saturday, Sept 19th we met with the Missions team at Solid Rock Bible Church in South Lyon, MI and enjoyed getting to see what the Lord is doing there at the church. We got to stay with our good friends the Pardingtons, and then on Sunday we presented our ministry at Blissfield Baptist Church during both the AM and PM services.
- Michele and I celebrated our 11th wedding anniversary on September 26th! On the 27th we traveled to Calvary Baptist Church in Marysville, OH for the morning service, and then we were able to get away and spend a few days together down in Berlin, OH just relaxing.
- October 4th we traveled to the Philadelphia, PA area to re-visit our friends at Faith Baptist Church in Phoenixville. That morning we had the privilege to meet our newest team member, Dr. Melissa Nieves, who lives in that area. It was a joy not only to see Pastor Tomkinson and the church family there, but to be able to spend a few hours getting to know Melissa and her heart for Ecuador. That evening we had the opportunity to share at Berean Bible Church in Pottstown, PA, just a few minutes down the road.
 - October 10th—14th we were able to take part in the annual Missions Conference at Faith Baptist Church in North Chili, NY. Joey already misses the friends he made there and especially our visit to the Strong National Museum of Play in Rochester. Who knew they had a whole museum devoted to playing!?



I told you you would end up in our prayer letter...



Joey and some of his friends



Meeting Melissa

Praises:

- We have reached 57% support, and have had several new supporters join our ministry.
- A good schedule for the rest of the year
- Our co-workers the Davolls have arrived in Quito this past month and were able to quickly find a wonderful house in Cumbaya.
- Getting to meet our new team member Melissa Nieves.
- Provision for recent repairs needed to our van.
- The strong support from our sending church Willo-Hill

Prayer Requests:

- That the Lord would allow us to reach 85% support by February 2010.
- Continued good health
- Stamina as we travel during the Fall and Winter months
- That our relationships with the Lord and with each other would remain strong
- Wisdom as we seek to navigate these financial times
- That we would be able to fill our schedule for the first half of 2010

Upcoming Ministry Schedule

Keep up with our travels by checking out our schedule on our website at: www.maynardfamily-ecuador.com

10/18/09 – Bethel Baptist Church - Savannah, OH

10/25/09 – Calvary Baptist Church – Fulton, NY (AM Svc)

– Calvary Baptist Church -- Fair Haven, NY (PM Svc)

10/28/09 – (Wed) First Baptist Church – Cincinnati, NY

11/1/09 – Brooktondale Baptist Church – Brooktondale, NY (PM Svc)

11/15/09 – Olivet Baptist Church – Bellwood, PA (AM svc)

12/13/09 – Family Life Marriage Conference (Columbus, OH)