



# The Maynards

Preparing to Serve in **Ecuador**

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## Speechless

Steven Curtis Chapman wrote a song titled “Speechless”, and I’d have to say that’s the only way I can explain our family’s state of mind right now. As I write this, I’m still in shock from some incredible news that I received today. I have to admit, after our last prayer letter when I announced to everyone that we were praying to be able to leave by 8-9-10 I started to wonder if maybe that was a hasty thing to ask for. Sometimes I wondered if our support would ever come in. Boy, was I wrong!


Today I logged in to our ABWE account just to do my routine check, expecting the little pie chart that shows our support level to be still stuck at 57% like it’s been for a while now. But to my shock, the “pie” was mostly filled in. I immediately started trying to figure out what happened—I thought it must be a computer virus, or someone switched a couple zeros by mistake. After double checking with ABWE, it is for real—an anonymous donor has committed to support us for about 30% of our support, which jumps us right up to **87% !**

I was in the middle of making calls to Pastors trying to set up meetings for 2010. Needless to say I could hardly think for the rest of the day, let alone do anything productive other than call out teammates and ministry friends. I did not imagine this morning when I woke up that I’d receive that type of news.

And yet I’m reminded that, even in the midst of encouraging news that is very exciting, God is God whether it’s good news or bad news, in happy times and in sorrowful times. Some days I’ve woken up never imagining that I’d be sitting in the hospital or filling out an accident report, and others are full of joyful news. I plan to celebrate today, don’t get me wrong. But I never want to forget the words of Job “The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord.”

We are excited about the opportunity to leave for Ecuador next year. We still need about \$800 per month in support, but we are confident that will come in by August 2010. We also need to raise another \$35,000 still in our outfit and passage fund. But now our thoughts turn to all the things that we have left to do—the HUGE garage sale that we plan to have, the VISA paperwork, the reading assignments, visiting our supporting churches, visiting family, and even the thought that this will be our last Thanksgiving and Christmas in the States for a few years. Please pray for us as we continue to prepare for language school, and as we continue to travel over the next several months.

Thank you for your prayers, and for those of you who have supported us and prayed for us up to this point in our journey. Your prayers are being answered!



**The Guinea Pig Song video is now available on our website!**  
Visit:  
<http://maynardfamily-ecuador.com/music.aspx>

## Report From The Road



Ok, so our van had a minor glitch—thankfully it was easy to fix. And thank the Lord for AAA!

We have just finished up our travels for the year, and are looking forward to a few weeks of “normal” activity, whatever that is. Here are some of the places we’ve been recently:

- 10/18/2009—We visited Bethel Baptist Church in Savannah, OH for the day. We thoroughly enjoyed meeting everyone and the great encouragement that we found there.
- 10/25/2009 — We went to two different Calvary Baptist Churches in the same day, both about 20 minutes from each other. The morning service was in Fulton, NY, where we enjoyed finding connections with the Holdridge family who we know from BBC. That evening we were in Fair Haven, NY as well, and then traveled home.

- The following Wednesday, 10/28/09 Jason was back in Cincinnatus, NY visiting First Baptist Church, and then he stayed until Sunday and ministered at Quackenbush Hill Baptist Church in Corning, NY. It was amazing to see what God has done at Quackenbush Hill, which is a church that was planted within the past 15 years. Thank you to both First Baptist and Quackenbush Hill Baptist for their hospitality!
- This past week Michele had the privilege of attending the Global Missions Health Conference in Louisville, KY along with the newest member of ABWE’s Ecuador team Dr. Melissa Nieves. This was an opportunity to see medical ministries from around the world as well as connect with resources that are available to missionaries. They also attended several workshops and sessions that addressed various topics in the area of Medical Missions. One highlight for both of them was the honor of listening to and meeting Steve Saint, son of missionaries to Ecuador Nate and Marjorie Saint.
- That same weekend, 11/15/2009, Joey and Jason ministered at Olivet Baptist Church in Bellwood, PA in both of the morning services. Joey got up on stage for the first time (voluntarily, anyway) and helped with the slideshow, and we both thoroughly enjoyed meeting the church family and hearing the testimonies of so many people whose lives have been changed by Christ through the ministry of the church.



We hit the road again in January, but for the next few weeks we plan to enjoy re-connecting with our home church and spending some family time together. **Happy Thanksgiving from our family to yours!**

**Praises:**

- Increase in support from 57% to 87% in the last month...!
- Excellent response from recent meetings, with many decisions for Christ and many friendships made
- God's provision for repairs to our van and protection—we broke down in our driveway instead of on a very long trip that we had just made!
- Ability to attend Field Prep Seminar in March

**Prayer Requests:**

- For the many preparations that need to be made of the coming months
- For the remaining \$800 per month to come in, and the \$35,000 for our outfit and passage fund.
- Continued good health
- That our relationships with the Lord and with each other would remain strong
- For our co-workers, the Davoll family as they continue to get settled in Quito and begin having home Bible Studies
- For our co-worker Melissa Nieves as she begins her prefield ministry