



The Maynards

Preparing to Serve in **Ecuador**

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111 days and counting.....

Thank you!

You might think that is a strange way to begin a ministry update letter, but we want to thank you for making the picture to the right possible. On March 16—26 we attended Field Prep Seminar at ABWE's home office along with 20 other missionaries who will be leaving for various parts of the world within the next few months. It was amazing to finally be able to achieve that milestone, and it would not have happened without the Lord's provision and the faithfulness of so many of you.

A lot has happened in the last month. As you know we are preparing to leave for Costa Rica and Language School in August. Our support had reached 98% at the beginning of March, but due to the economic times our support has been cut. Our support percentage has now dropped to 90%. Currently we still need **\$550 per month** in order to reach full support. We will not be given clear-

ance to leave unless we are at 100% support, so please pray that this remaining amount will come in. Even more daunting at times is the need to have 100% of our **Outfit and Passage fund**. Currently we need about **\$30,000** to reach 100%. We recognize and welcome these things as tests allowed by the Lord to show if we are unwavering in our faith.

I have to say, when I look at those dollar amounts that we still need I am a little overwhelmed. However, it has been my experience that the Lord likes to put us in the position where we can't do anything else but turn to Him, because the situation is humanly impossible. Then, He uses those circumstances to teach us and grow our trust in Him. So I invite you to take a front row seat to our own little impossible situation. That is, if you don't already have one of your own. Won't you pray with us and ask the Lord to provide, and then join us in praising Him when he does, no matter how he chooses to do it?

Our commissioning service is being planned in the coming weeks, and we want to invite all of you to stay tuned for our next letter when we will give you more details on that. We know that many of you live several hours from us, but we would love it if you would consider getting a group together and representing your church at that commissioning service. There will probably be refreshments, too, if that interests some of you.

Thanks again for your prayers, and for your continued encouragement!



Gifts toward our O & P fund or monthly support can be sent to:
ABWE, Account# 0133391 - O&P, PO Box 8585, Harrisburg, PA 17105



This picture has absolutely nothing to do with our prayer letter, but it's cute and also happens to be one of our favorite places to stop when we travel. No Chick-fil-A in Ecuador, as far as we know.....

Praises:

- We have reached 90% support and are planning to leave August 9, 2010!
- We had a great time at Field Prep Seminar in March
- 2 ladies and one family who are all considering the decision to join our team of ABWE missionaries in Ecuador.
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Prayer Requests:

- That we would be able to take care of all the details of preparing to leave in August—language school application, Visas, packing and getting rid of our stuff here.
- Wisdom and the Lord's timing on when Michele will leave her job
- The remaining \$30,000 that is needed for our outfit and passage funds, as well as the remaining \$550 of support
- Our teammates, Jeff and Deanne Davoll and family as they minister in Ecuador
- Our other teammate, Dr. Melissa Nieves, as she travels and seeks support here in the US.
- That the Lord would prepare the hearts of the people in Ecuador to hear and respond to the Gospel.

Departure Needs List

Many of you have inquired about things that we need to take with us as we prepare to depart. We have posted a list of things that would be helpful to us as we leave. Some of the items are things we need for language school in Costa Rica, but most of the items are things that we will be taking with us to Ecuador. We are trying to focus on things that we will need for setting up housekeeping. Many of the items are household electronics or appliances, which are MUCH more expensive in Ecuador, in most cases.

You can find the list on our website at:

<http://maynardfamily-ecuador.com/Needs.aspx>

Upcoming Ministry Schedule

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

5/2/10 – Family vacation

5/16/10 – Faith Baptist Church – Mt Vernon, OH

5/19/10 – (Wed) Maranatha Baptist Church - Columbus, OH

5/23/10 – Peoples Church, Potterbrook, PA

5/31/10 – Memorial Day

6/6/10 – Faith Baptist Church – Mt Vernon, OH

6/14/10 – 6/25/10 - ABWE Theology Course