

Virtual Ministry

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Upcoming Events

July 3. Moving Day - we hope!

The new apartment is finally ready and mostly unpacked. Now we are just waiting for the final gas and electrical permits...plus internet installation. This last item is key since we do all of our work and school virtually!

January 2021. School starts - maybe.

The government here has officially decided that schools will be virtual at least until the next school year starts in January.

Everest Food Climb update

On May 30th, the over achieving missionary team climbed the equivalent of Mt. Everest not once, but twice! To-date **over \$28,000 of humanitarian aid** has been raised...and distributed. Thank you for your generosity.



New realities

Have you ever used virtually reality glasses? They take some getting used too! Everything is right there in front of you, but you can't touch any of it.

Life and ministry has been much like that lately. Even though our ministry continues, even at a much more rapid pace, it seems odd to not be able to reach and touch it!

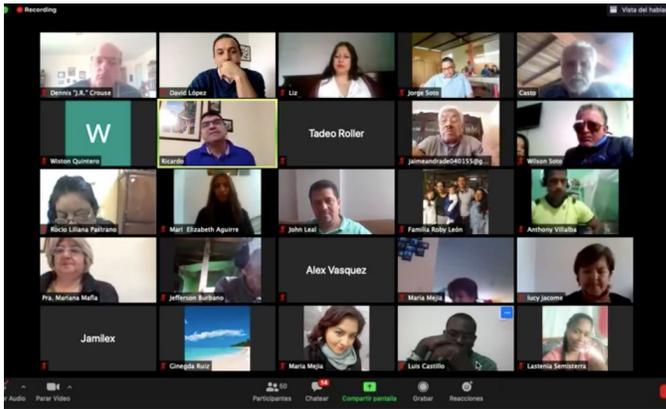
Virtual Ministry: Vibrant and Real



Ecuador Annual Meeting 2019

Ecuador - First Virtual Annual Meeting

Last year, Ricardo went to Ecuador with Dra. Delia and Dr. Paul for their annual meeting as part of the transition process. In that respect, it was virtually his first annual meeting as AD. Last Saturday, he presided his first (of probably many) Virtual Annual Meeting and it was with the Ecuador Mission District.



Ecuador Annual Meeting 2020

There were over 67 computers/cellphones connected for a day of training, celebrating, and projecting. And, he was able to utilize an international teaching team...at no extra cost! While not the equivalent of a face-to-face meeting, people participated and they seemed to really enjoying being together. The feedback was very positive.

13 years ago, our plans to move to Ecuador were changed at the last minute because the church and political climate were unhealthy. Today, the Ecuadorian church is healthy, growing, and reinventing itself in the midst of this global pandemic. Praise God. He has done great things!

Virtual Strategies

We've been able to take advantage of the whole region being in quarantine to develop new structure and strategies. Some of them work perhaps even better in our virtual world than they would in-person. For example, Ricardo meets weekly with his team of regional coaches. And Pastoral Formation training that was planned for the fall would have involved the cost of several people traveling to various countries. Now, they are going to do the same thing online in August. This will involve less time and less cost. From my perspective, that is a win-win strategy! And yesterday, Ricardo preached in the celebratory service of 28 years of FM Ministry in Peru. Once again, there was no travel involved!

Of course, one of the draw backs of virtual ministry is that there isn't much to photograph. We get tired of taking screen shots so here's a picture we took on a bus in Argentina last November.

But whether we can visibly demonstrate it or not, God is at work. He is on the move, even when we aren't. And you are a part of that through your partnership in this ministry. Thank you so much. To Him be the glory!

Many blessings,
Ricardo and Beth



Prayer & Praise

Praise God for his miraculous healing in the life of Pastor Rodrigo (Chile) who had to be revived twice in the hospital due to Covid19 and 5 hours later was sent home because he was so much improved. God answers prayers!

Pray for healing for Beth, as I recover from broken foot, and Ricardo who had some non-malignant skin cancer removed last week.

Pray for all of the Americas - North, South and Central - as the pandemic continues to have a devastating affect on the region.

Pray for our financial support. We are receiving about \$3,000 less than the budget every month. If you'd like to contribute to this need, follow the links on our webpage.

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