

¡Bendiciones, from Nanegalito, Ecuador!

We have had an incredible couple of days, beginning on Thursday, with a great visit to an orphanage in Quito. This is not the orphanage we visited last year, but the man who runs this orphanage is a man of God and loves the children very much. He is moving the children (approximately 20 kids, boys and girls, of all ages) to a "farm" in Armenia, very close to Nanegalito. This is an incredible new ministry opportunity for Pathways International, and a great opportunity for our team to step in and see how we can help in the months and years to come! Thanks to a generous, anonymous donation, we were able to once again provide cooked chickens for the children's dinner, as well as a craft, story, and song time.

On Friday, we were blessed to minister to and spend several hours with a group of over 140 children, in Pacto! Last year, our team worked with the same pastor (Pastor Rudolfo) and his wife, at their Christian School, El Sembrador. Sadly, the government has not given approval for El Sembrador to continue, but Pastor Rudolpho is not willing to take, "NO," for an answer! He continues to persevere and we are told (unofficially) that there is, quite possibly, very good news in the works, with a new ("old friend") contact in the government who may be helping to get things changed in favor of El Sembrador and the work that Pastor Rudolfo and his wife, Marcía, are anxious to do in God's name.

Today (Saturday, at least for the next 15 minutes), our team spent most of the day in Nanegalito, where we worked with a much more manageable group of 42 children who were all eager to hear the story of Noé & his Arca and all of the animals. They did a craft, had lunch, sang, and prayed... Each child was individually prayed over, as they sang worship songs. Their love for worship music was evident in their raised hands, closed eyes and the most fervent looks of concentration on their faces as they prayed for Christ to come and live in their hearts! Our afternoon was spent on the streets of Nanegalito, where 4 more people prayed to receive Christ into their hearts. All day, people were invited to a worship service in the evening. So many people showed up this evening, that the service was SRO (Standing Room Only)!! Praise God, He is good! It was a great service, with a sermon about repentance and the need for not only a Savior but a LORD.

We are starting out VERY early on Sunday morning, so good rest is needed this evening. Your continued prayers are much appreciated! We know that God is faithful and continues to provide us with the energy we need to sustain us through the days.

God bless and keep you all,

Grace Team Ecuador, 2008