

We saw His star

Merry Christmas from Gary and Sandy Janky

May God bless each one of you, your families and your churches this Christmas Season. May He give you many opportunities to witness to the lost that they might be saved. Then have a blessed and safe new year as we serve the Lord together. May the spirit of Christmas bring you joys that last all through a wonderful new year.

Several family members of the Pedro Vasquez family are planning a trip to visit us next month. Pedro is the national pastor of the first church organized under our ministry in Ecuador. At this point in time, it appears that 6 people will make the trip. It will be a great time of fellowship for us when they arrive. The many calls that have been arriving from Ecuador attest to the faithfulness of God as people are being saved, baptized, and trained to further spread God's Word. There are now seven organized Baptist churches all with their own national pastor as leader. So the work continues on in our absence.

The work here has seen a man, woman, and a child make a profession of faith. Two are awaiting baptism at this time. We are thankful for your faithfulness to us in prayer and financial support. Without your partnership we could not move forward. Pray for those who will be coming for training classes. Our ESL classes will start up again in January. We are looking for new students.

The past several months we have confronted some challenging health problems. We need your prayer and financial support more than ever. Sandy has undergone surgery to remove a mass from under her left arm. We are awaiting pathology reports and since the Thanksgiving holiday slowed everything down, we haven't heard as of yet. I have been struggling with extreme fatigue and forgetfulness. My doctor ordered some tests and as a result sent me to a Neurologist who ordered an MRI. The test showed that I had suffered a stroke which thankfully left no damage but the MRI also showed that my brain cells are shrinking and atrophying at a remarkable rate of speed. This is a diagnosis of Alzheimer's. Needless to say, we are both devastated. This is very hard for me to accept and extremely difficult for Sandy. I have begun using some alternative treatments which we are praying will help me. Please pray for the both of us. I don't know what I would do without each of you at this time. You are needed as never before. Hebrews 4:14-16 is a great comfort to us. "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." The infinite, eternal Son became flesh so we might understand. He experienced every human trial and testing. Therefore, He does understand our need; He does understand my fears; He does understand us! Our prayer is that you have trusted the only One who can give you hope, comfort, peace and eternal life.

Merry Christmas to each of you and a very Happy New Year!

Unworthily but joyfully His,

Gary & Sandy Janky

The mass was benign.

and have come to worship Him