



Warner School Mourns Loss of Student

Only eight days after his parents and school learned of his brain tumor, 6th Grader Eduardo Espejo passed away. The following email to Karvin shared the news of their loss: “Dear brothers and sisters, receive greetings from Chepén (Peru), wishing God's blessings on your lives. Sorry, Eduardo died this morning (May 3) at 11:00 am. God took him home from the D. S. Warner School to a better place. We are very sad not to have Eduardo with us. His school friends and teachers



together with the brothers and sisters of the church had prayed for him and God decided to take him to his presence. Please pray for his teacher, parents and grandparents. Please inform the brethren who met Eduardo. Sincerely, Samuel Perez” (computer teacher in the school).

An **Eduardo Memorial** fund has been set-up to buy needed items for the school. If you'd like to contribute, please send your check to PiM at address shown in third column of this newsletter.

Coming Events and Mission Opportunities

July 11
Goodwill, LA
Missions Convention

July 20-29
D.S. Warner School, Peru

Last Aug – Early Sept
Ecuador

September 5-21
Ruropolis, Brazil

November 2-9
Prince of Peace Girls Home
Guatemala

Deposits are due a minimum of 120 days before trip.

Space limited to the first 15 who pay the deposit.

Karvin’s Preaching/Teaching Trip to the Kuna Indians

Kuna leader Luis Guardia and Karvin visited the islands of El Tigre and Achutupu for four days of preaching and teaching in May. PiM has worked with these indigenous people since 2001 at the request of Johnny Snyder, former director of the Church of God in Latin America. The Kunas have had the New Testament in their language for only fourteen years. The Old Testament is currently being translated into their dialect.

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School in Peru

Extending the Ministry of the
Prince of Peace Home for Girls in
Guatemala

Ecuador Update

(source: Lamberts April 5)

We have been attending a lot of baptisms lately. The Ofelia church in Quito has now gone to two services on Sunday morning. They also have started two new house-churches. We assisted in the February baptism at Ofelia. We were so moved to baptize three generations of one family among the candidates. A grandmother, mother and daughter all had come to know Christ during a house-church service. As the three women were baptized they each one left the water weeping with joy. In March we journeyed to Delia Rodriguez's rain forest farm with the Santa Clara Church to baptize seven new Christians. Two of them were from the new congregation in Carapungo, which is an outreach of the Santa Clara Congregation.

We attended Easter services at the Zabala Church in Quito. The church was packed with people, those arriving late had to stand across the back of the sanctuary. As the service closed a family came forward to accept Christ. A father, mother and five children were welcomed into the fold. The smaller boy came to Sunday School a while back "looking for God". He not only found God but also witnessed to his family and brought them to find God too!

The Ecuadorian government is becoming more strict and regulatory of religion and education. Right now the only approved protestant seminary in Ecuador is the Universidad

Cristiana Latinoamericana or UCL. This is an international interdenominational seminary located in downtown Quito. The government is also saying that to be a valid pastor one must be a graduate of an approved seminary. This is not a law but a strong suggestion, but it could become law soon. This has brought about a proposal by the Evangelical churches of Ecuador to combine our individual seminary programs with UCL. We have been meeting with the administration of UCL along with representatives from other groups such as CMA, Nazarene, Assemblies of God, and Lutheran etc. We will remain a separate seminary program and will still be able to teach our individual classes on theology, eschatology, doctrine etc. All groups, however, will have to maintain the standards and syllabi of UCL and include classes that the government has mandated. Some of these classes will be taught at the UCL campus. We are only in the beginning stages of forming our association, which is more, a matter of cooperation than submission. We are praying about the added workload of teaching university level classes and maintaining our current missionary responsibilities to the Ecuadorian church. Because the church is so young and poor, I (Jon) am the only person from the Church of God in Ecuador with the required degree to be able to teach our people at the University level. Please make this a matter of prayer. The bottom line is that we will essentially have two programs, our current Bible

Institute and a new University level program in conjunction with UCL.

“Melting Pot” or “Stew”

By Karvin

I remember from my days in school, that the United States was called “The Great Melting Pot” describing how people from various countries and cultures blended together to form this country.

I do not look at the U.S. or any other countries, as “Melting Pots” where one losing all of his identity to form something new, but as ‘stews’.

To make a stew or soup, one puts many ingredients into a large pot, each ingredient adds to the flavor without losing all of its identity. For example, potatoes in the stew are still recognized as potatoes that flavor the food; meat will still be meat but will influence the flavor, etc. Each ingredient adds something to the stew without losing all of its identity.

What lessons, if any, can we learn from this simple analogy of a stew to our work in missions?

First, since one is influenced by the culture in which he lives, our primary goal should be to change the person and then the bad within the culture. Every culture has some good and bad traditions and teachings. We can learn to appreciate the good within that culture and try to free the people from the bad. Only then can we expect to change the culture. Second, one does not completely lose his cultural identity. (con't on page 3 “Stew”)

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One may adapt to another culture, speak the language of that culture and dress accordingly, but deep down within one still has traits of his native culture, which will to some degree continue to influence his thinking and actions. Third, one is most likely to accept the Gospel when it is presented in his native culture and language, rather than in his adoptive culture and language, even though he might be fluent in his adoptive language and feel adapted to his adoptive culture. Therefore, whenever possible, we must present Jesus Christ in the mother tongue and culture of the people with whom we are working.

I do not claim to be an expert in the dynamics that makeup one's identity, rather one who is trying to better understand others with the purpose of bringing them to the Lord. Or as Paul wrote, “Although I am free from all people, I made myself a slave to all of them to win more of them. To the Jews I became like a Jew in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became like a man under the law, in order to win those under the law (although I myself am not under the law). To those who do not have the law I became like a man who does not have the law, in order to win those who do not have the law (although I am not free from God's law, but am under the law of Christ). To the weak I became weak in order to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by

all possible means I might save some of them” (1Cor.9:20-22).

Enjoy the stew and make the most of the opportunity!!!

Developing Partnerships to Make Disciples of All Peoples

In March Karvin received an email from Dr. Bob Edwards, Global Missions Coordinator of the Church of God – Anderson, IN. The purpose of the email was to initiate discussion on how Global Missions and parachurch mission organizations might work together in reaching the world for Christ. Karvin has presented some recommendations to Global Missions with the hope that the ministries of both organizations might be strengthened.

We ask that you remember us (Global Missions and PiM) as we go through this process of being more effective in making disciples. If you have any suggestions to how we can better reach the world, please feel free to let us know.

PiM Moves to Louisiana

If you have not heard from us lately or have had trouble contacting us, we have been unpacking boxes in our new location. We have moved back to our home state of LA. where our ministry began. Effective mid-July, our new mailing address will be...

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A special thanks to those who helped us with this move, we could not have done it without you.

Challenge 10/10/10 Update

Your response to our challenge has been overwhelming. We sincerely appreciate your generosity and desire to partner with us.

To date 96% needed for Karvin's salary has been promised. Balance needed \$140 a month. We know that the Lord will be faithful to supply the means by which you can fulfill your covenant to support Karvin and this ministry.

Again we thank you!!!

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