

# Welch Family News

*Craig, Celeste, Brooke, Courtney, Natalie Joy, and Valerie Grace Welch—serving in Ecuador*



Adam and Rebekah from Mars, PA bending rebar at the Casa de Fe worksite.



We made it through the summer. We had six teams here over the summer and enjoyed the opportunity to meet many brothers and sisters in Christ from all over the US. These teams brought money to cover the hospital bill for the children of Casa de Fe as well as money for construction at the future orphanage site. They also brought medicines and other items to fill the needs list at Casa de Fe, medicines for the missions hospital, school supplies for the neighboring jungle community, as well as items to bless our family.



Teams were excited about our work in Sacha Runa after seeing pictures on our website. They often asked to spend time out there and enjoyed the fellowship with believers on the other side of the equator. Many bags of sand and rock were carried

over to the church site there. The last team that was here also asked if there was anything they could help us with personally. On days when Jaime and his brothers were setting up forms, half the team helped us paint a wall at our old house that needed to be painted before we could move and they helped us paint the house we will be moving into this week. Adam (top left) also helped us with fixing our car, setting up a speaker system at Casa de Fe and other repairs. We will miss the teams from this summer.. We all cried as the team from Mars, PA (our final team for the summer) left, as we grew so close to them while they were here. We love you all and feel like our family grew!

Thank you Brookfield Baptist Church, The Family Church, Manor Church, The Slaughter Family's team from Estherville Iowa, Dan Turney and his team from Christian Community Church of Mars, and Christ's Church. Thank you also to the many working visitors that came and served the children at Casa de Fe.



the new road, bridge and water tower



We are excited to see our ministry focus changing towards reaching people for Christ and helping the indigenous people of Ecuador survive in a world that is quickly changing here. We have seen the Lord's hand in this and have been excited to see the support of our home church, board, and the groups who have visited. The indigenous in Ecuador are viewed as the lowest class of people. Where we are in the Pastaza, a growing number of "outsiders" are moving in and using their dollars

to buy up land and through this, the prices for many items are increasing, while some communities still do not use money. One new family just moved to Sacha Runa from deeper in the jungle and they are struggling to adjust to life here and a new language. Thankfully, they are in a community that also speaks their primary language, Quechua of the Pastaza. The need for the love, forgiveness and hope of Christ are evident.

We are hoping to use the next few months for more language acquisition to better communicate with all of the people in the community.



Church building in Sacha Runa

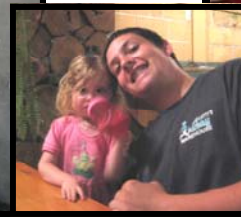


Rachel and Heather helping with English classes in Sacha Runa



## PRAYERS AND PRAISES

- For our main focus to be on spending time with the Lord in all that we do, and for His love to flow out of us onto our children and the people we serve
- Praise that Jessica (from Casa de Fe) was reunited with her family
- Praise that Craig finally has his drivers license and car registration
- Prayer for unity, transparency, and humility
- For Valerie Grace, continued good vision, happy days, and healing
- For the people of Sacha Runa to grow in their love for Christ and hunger for His Word. Particularly for the youth
- Praise for the freedom we feel as we are launched into areas of our passion and the joy of knowing we are serving where the Lord wants us



Our girls are doing well. They received lots of love and attention from the groups that came this summer, especially the last group that came. I have never seen Brooke and Courtney cry like they cried when the church from Mars left.

Homeschooling is going well and we are looking forward to moving into a different rental home in August.

We expect to pick up our passports with new two year visas shortly. After that, we should be good for paperwork until April.

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*And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*  
Ephesians 3:17-19

## STAYING CONNECTED....

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## Support Information

If you are interested in supporting us financially, you can mail a check made out to :

**The Family Church** and write **EC-Welch** in the memo line.

100% of donated funds go towards our ministry in Ecuador and are tax deductible.

Current needs are windows, doors, and electricity at church building as well as monthly support.

