

Welch Family News

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



Pictured to the left are Litzy and Yessenia, the two stars of our English class. They have learned all of the words to Open the Eyes of My Heart (inspired by all of the teams who came and sung this song in English over the summer during church in Sacha Runa). They also enjoy using our Spanish/English Bibles and learning their favorite verses in English. Many of the children in Sacha Runa are heavily influenced by popular culture, but these two stars shine bright. Please pray that they continue to stand firm and that Jesus shines brightly through them and that others want to know about the hope that is within them. These little girls have no bathroom in their tiny home. But they are so incredibly happy. Their mother is alone much of the time while their dad is working in the military. Each time he is home, they are all inseparable.



Rejoice in the Lord always, I will say it again, Rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men, the Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything, through prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God, and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4-6

Some very exciting stuff has been happening within the hearts of the believers in Sacha Runa. A spark has been lit and they are excited about going throughout the community, letting people know about the church and asking what needs people have. They have gained an excitement for helping others who have less than they have. In a culture that is very 'self' oriented, this is a big step.



We enjoyed lots of time with both sets of Grandparents this month. My parents were able to visit with Maria's family and experience a bit of what life out there is like. My dad was able to eat cuy (guinea pig). We also visited Baños, the equator and a local pool.



Craig's parents helped us clear out the last rental house to prepare it for the new owners as our lease expires this month. Sara enjoyed spending some time at Casa de Fe.

While we had parents here, Craig and I were able to have a date night and we also were invited out to Sacha Runa for a traditional meal.



And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy — meditate on these things.

Philippians 4:6-8

PRAYERS AND PRAISES

- Praise for the fruits of the Spirit that we see being lived out in the believers in Sacha Runa
- Praise and prayer for safe travels
- Prayer for wisdom for us and guidance as to which path the Lord wants us to take with Valerie's care
- Praise for approval to continue with the audio recording of the Quechua Bible and prayer for the small details that still need to be worked out.
- Praise for all of the generous support we have received for continued ministry in Ecuador!

The first part of October, Craig will be in Ecuador with Natalie and Courtney. He will be helping with the church in the mornings and then home schooling the girls in the afternoons. I will be taking Brooke and Valerie to St Jude, then to Florida. We will come back to Ecuador with the group that is coming to help in Sacha Runa. We pray that though we are apart, that we will strengthen our family bonds and be open to divine appointments that the Lord has for us as we head to Memphis.



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Pictured left, the girls enjoyed making traditional Quechua pottery.

Pray for
The Welch Family

Ecuador,
South
America

Craig, Celeste, Brooke, Courtney, Natalie, and Valerie

"Look among the nations and watch - Be utterly astounded! For I will work a work in your days which you would not believe, though it were told you." Habakkuk 1:5

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