



# EG First Ministry in Action

QUARTERLY MINISTRY REPORT, JANUARY - MARCH 2017

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## Joining God's Work in Ecuador

Matt Jackson, Student and Families Pastor

Spring break comes and goes quickly for students all over Florida. While many people are at the beach, going on

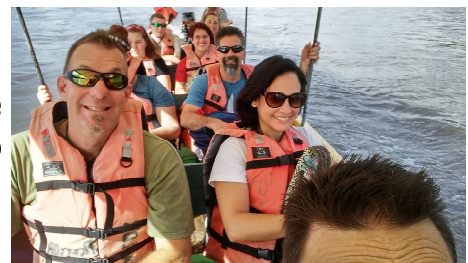


vacation, or heading to the various theme park around Florida, 12 students and adults from our church headed to Ecuador, South America. During the trip they were able to preach the gospel, serve the people, encourage the local church, and shine Jesus in a country that is spiritually dark.

God continues to work in Ecuador using Steve and Carol Thompson and his awesome staff. Churches are continually being planted, while the work continues to grow in need. We continue to be one of several church groups from around the United States who go to Ecuador and

support the work of these church plants, camps, and evangelism efforts. While we continue to work with the faithful followers in Machakuyaku, God is opening up other doors for us to pray about. Many opportunities arise when we are in Ecuador.

Our staff was able to preach and lead worship in Tena and Machakuyaku. We were able to lead VBS for over 60 children teaching them the stories of Zacchaeus, the widow who gave all, and the Easter story. Our team also helped with manual labor at Camp Chacauco (meaning moving a lot of large rocks to build a retaining wall on a



road along with sorting, folding, and prepping a clothes closet). We had great times of devotion, personal worship, and were able to enjoy the awe inspiring scenes God provides around the country. God seems to really get our attention there.

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## Ecuador Cont.

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We were able to go further into the jungle this year and see the vision for



another community. This community is called Wachiyaku Chico. They are a very mission minded community which serves as a launching point to go deeper into the jungle to reach new places and build relationships with the Woadoni people. They are currently hoping for churches to come along side them to help build a church building in their village so they have their own place to worship. The goal is to raise \$10,000 to help with building costs in which we could play an instrumental role. If you feel led to help with this undertaking, I always tell people that God has already provided the funding. It's in your pockets and we just need to return it to its rightful owner!

God continues to do great things in Ecuador and we look forward to serving there every chance we get. I encourage you to talk with the youth and adults who attended this year for different perspective and to begin

praying about going on our next trip. It is truly life changing.



**Noah Jackson holding one of the local children!**



**Our Ecuador 2017 Team!!!**

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## Food Pantry

Barbara Harpold, Team Leader

God was faithful once again to provide for the needs of the Food Pantry Ministry during the first quarter of 2017. The Pantry received donations of food and clothes bags during the months of January, February, and March which totaled \$847.06. We want to especially thank the students and parents of our preschool for their part in contributing and donating to the Food Pantry and Clothes Closet. During the same period, we also received monetary donations of \$6,790.00. We paid out \$8,950.61 for food purchases. After we pay our Second Harvest Food Bank statement for March, we will have a balance of only \$936.31 to begin the second quarter of 2017. **During the first quarter, we served 709 clients, gave out 796 bags of food and fed 2,114 people for two days.** Thanks to an awesome God, our awesome church family and to all of those who helped donate or contribute to the Food Pantry. Because of you we were able to help meet the needs of those less fortunate in our community!

Your Food Pantry Team put in roughly 389 volunteer hours during this time. We have a great team of those who are only one phone call away. They are always there at their scheduled times and ready to fill in whenever and wherever needed. We welcomed Richard Hayes to our team. He has been helping with the distribution of food on Tuesdays. Also, our thanks to Steve Seed for filling in when needed with shopping and carrying food. Once again, many thanks to Jordan Jinright, Perry Salter and Patrick Lamb who set up for us each work day. You can find us here packing bags on Monday, putting away food from Second Harvest on Wednesdays and passing out food on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We have a very active and busy

ministry! It is a blessing to be a part of it.

Our Spring Food Drive will be going on during the month of May. We have bags at the Information Desk with a list of the needed items. We are asking that you put in one item a day during the month of May and return the bag on June 1st. We thank you so much for your support. This ministry couldn't continue without you. God Bless You!!

Brevard Mommies on a Mission continues to operate on Tuesday mornings during the same time as the Food Pantry, from 10 to 12. They are always in need of new volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, stop by during their work hours and talk to Kelly!

## Deacons



The Deacons had the privilege of focusing on prayer during our March and April meetings. Pastors Ralph and Mark lead the deacons in methods for praying and we had a very moving prayer session. Our monthly meetings have covered subjects such as: managing conflict, personal assessment, leadership, the widows' banquet and prayer groups. Please let any Deacon know of opportunities for our service to the family of God.

In closing, I leave you with a few words on managing conflict from our March devotion, Philippians 2:3-4, "*Do nothing out of rivalry or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves. Everyone should look out not only for your own interests, but also for the interests of others.*"

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## Florida Baptist State Board of Missions

Lynne Phillips, Board Member

It is my joy, along with Steve Shelhamer, pastor of Northwest Baptist Church, Cocoa, to represent the Brevard Baptist Association as a member of the State Board of Missions, which is the governing board of directors of the Florida Baptist Convention corporation. This Board is responsible for implementing the decisions of the Florida Baptist State Convention and serves as the State Convention ad-interim between annual State Convention meetings each November. During our last meeting held on March 30-31, 2017 at Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center, my heart was captivated as Dr. Tommy Green, executive director-treasurer of the Florida Baptist Convention, addressed the Board and cast a greater kingdom vision to reach the three South Florida counties—Miami/Dade, Broward and Palm Beach—with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Here is an excerpt of Dr. Green's comments to Board members taken from an article posted on the Florida Baptist Convention's website:

**"If Florida Baptists do not capture in our hearts the importance of reaching Miami for Christ, then we are not serious about reaching Florida for Christ.** The population density and great diversity of languages in this North American Mission Board-designated "Send City" region offers a "differing call" than in others parts of the state. Of Florida's 20 million population, these three counties account for 6 million—a number that may

increase to 8 million when including undocumented residents. With as many as 180 languages spoken in the homes of students attending Miami/Dade schools, 75 percent of Miami/Dade's households speak a language other than English, 60 percent in Broward and 45-48 percent in Palm Beach. What is taking place in South Florida will



stretch further north in migration of people and population, towards Orlando. If we as a state do not have a strategy and commitment for South Florida, we are going to wake up and realize that for half of

our state we've become pretty much irrelevant."

Acknowledging the commitment of many South Florida churches and church planters who are burdened and are making a difference in the spiritual vacuum in the region, Green asked for all Florida Baptist churches to come beside and help them. He sited a number of ways to do this - dedicate ourselves to prayer, send out laborers to assist existing churches and church plants, and/or support them financially, or even

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plant a church. He proposed that funds from the Maguire State Mission Offering be earmarked for a global account to combine with funding from the North America Mission Board's Send City strategy, to provide greater resources to plant and revitalize churches. **"This cannot be a state convention program," Green urged. "It is a biblical mandate, a Great Commission call. If we do not embrace this, one day we will be held accountable. Time is short, we must press on, we must rise up together."**

As I prayerfully consider how I should respond personally to Dr. Green's challenge, 1 John 4:19 comes to mind, "We love because He first loved us". I cannot help but ask myself, "Do I love the people of Miami with a Christ-like love that puts their needs and well-being before my own to the extent I would sacrifice my time, energy, money, and thoughts in order to demonstrate it?" Is God calling you to love the people of Miami? Is He calling EG First to respond to Dr. Green's challenge? Let us covet together to seek His will and direction through dedicated prayer.

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## First Friends

Jenny Rider, Co-Director



As the New Year and first quarter began, First Friends already had a full schedule planned on the calendar. First it was our special morning with dads (or a special someone), called "Donuts for Dad's"! It's always special to see dads, or those who are special in a child's life, come and share the morning with their child. The dad then leave wearing the childrens homemade ties as they headed out to face the rest of their day!



Valentine's Day is another favorite holiday that brings out the creative side of the children. They are encouraged to bring in a decorated container to keep their Valentines that they share with each other. This fun time is always a great opportunity to talk to the children about how God wants us to love one another like Jesus example in John

13:34.

In March we held our annual Preschool Open House for school registration for the 2017-2018 school year. We had a really good response from the surrounding community.

As we wrapped up the quarter we ended with one the kids favorites, Community Helper Day! We are so grateful to the Melbourne Police and Fire Departments who continually support our efforts to educate the children about the importance of safety and to those who are always there to help if you ever need



them. The children just love to see and climb inside the big fire trucks, check out the police cars and to talk to a fireman or police officer.

We are trusting God's direction and clarity as we plan for the upcoming school year and ask for all of you to keep First Friends in your prayers.

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## Threads of Love

Lori Ingraham, Team Leader

We started off the New Year with many donations including:

- 5 pillows, 5 lap quilts and 64 Chemo caps to the Cancer Center
- 20 baby quilts to Holmes Regional Hospital
- 16 bibs to Brookshire Home Assisted Living
- 7 walker bags to Sunday School members
- 2 crocheted Baby Blankets, 4 baby caps, 1 bib and burp cloth to Pregnancy Resource

In April, we decided to meet every Thursday instead of just every other Thursday. We now average between 9 and 12 members attending every week. We want to say a special Thank You for all the donations of lovely fabric we have received over the last 4 months for our Lap Quilts, Walker Bags and Bibs.

If you are interested in volunteering with Threads of Love, they meet every Thursday from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

Respectfully Submitted,

## Benevolence

Ed Davis, Team Leader

**\$1,099.97 Beginning Balance**

**15,027.42 Received**

**8,948.01 Disbursed**

**6,079.41 Ending Balance**

### **Itemized Disbursements**

**4,827.95 Florida Power- 35 non-members, 1 member**

**1,319.17 Water Bills- 9 non members**

**1,000.00 Housing, 4 non-members**

**1,800.89 Miscellaneous - 5 non-members, 6 members**

What great giving this quarter! God has prepared the church to meet the many future needs of those in our community He continually sends to us. We assisted 49 non-members and 7 members this quarter and were able to share the Gospel with most of those we served. Thank you for your continued and generous support and allowing the team to serve the church through his ministry.

***Philippians 4:19 And God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.***

Benevolence Team,

Ed Davis, Ray Kotowski and Tom Hutchison

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**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GIVING TOWARDS  
THE PURCHASE OF OUR NEW CHURCH VAN!**

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