



## ECUADOR MISSION TEAM OF 2008



### Letters from our team....

IT'S NOT JUST ECUADOR .....IT'S GOD !!!!!!! by Pastor John

I can not help but laugh and cry when I read Bill Romine's.." You must be a short term missionary when...." It is funny because it is so contrary to what we believe is normal. We assume that life has it's most significant meaning when it fulfills our expectations and that which we deem as normal and good. Life is good because I have a job. Life is good because I went on a marvelous vacation. Life is good because I am like and act like those around me and with whom I affiliate. But if that is true, why is it that there is so much meaning from the absence of all those things that we value as a signs of meaningfulness? At the risk of sounding like a kid who comes home from summer camp, I must say as an adult moving outside of my normal daily routine and that which signifies to me that I am an ok person, the two weeks in Ecuador was as others have said, the most miserable and the most wonderful all at the same time. Why is that? The answer is not because a trip to Ecuador would be good for everyone to take, like Epson salts or a trip to the masseuse. The answer is , because God gives ultimate meaning in all things. It is not specifically what you do that matters but who you do it with. When you do it with God... then there is meaning.

Send me to Ecuador, Africa, Bowleys Quarters, if God is with me, and he is, then that is all that matters. What a blessing to know that we are God's children because of his son Jesus Christ. Not because we fulfill the demands of present law and social norm but because of Jesus sacrifice. God wants a relationship with us. That is not just a message that sells in America but the whole world. We need to continue to be a part of that reality, not only as who we are and where we are, but also with people who are different then we are but who also share the blessings of his relationship. What an amazing realization.

What words can I use but those from our hymnal. "Praise to the Lord the almighty the King of creation. Oh my soul praise him for he is your help and salvation. All you who hear, come to his temple, drawn near, joining in glad adoration." God is bigger than our lives, he is bigger than our culture and he loves us. Wow!!!!!!!

To all our friends and family: We are back, of course you all know that already. We had a great trip with the Lord leading us all the way. You probably have heard many stories already. It could have been about our trip there, where we stayed, the physical labor, the wonderful God fearing people we met, the beautiful mountains, the hot springs we soaked up, the markets we spent money to help their economy, the equator and balancing an egg on a nail, feeding the street people and helping them to speak in English at the English Fellowship Church. Then the Lord got us all home safe and sound but totally exhausted. I think by now we have all got back to our daily life but with many memories. Soon we will be having a program to show pictures of all we did. Mark your calendar when we set the date. So on behalf of your mission team 3, Thank you for all your support in prayer and help and donations. We could not have done this without the Lord and all of you. Thank You! Marlys (team Leader)

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What a blessing to be able to do God's work and serve Him in Ecuador Our team was fortunate enough to see and do great things. We are blessed to know that our work and the presence of our team will continue to impact the community of Santos Pamba. I had no idea I would fall in love with Ecuadorians and have such admiration of their passion for the Lord. I cannot wait to go back and serve God in such an incredible, and extremely beautiful place. Kimmie Kulczycki

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I have had several people ask me why we had to go in person to Ecuador rather than sending the money to help build the school. I have thought about Pastor Pedro Pablo who prayed for help with building their school. I have thought about the people we worked with and the children who came each day to watch us work. We needed to be there. Our physical presence told that congregation that we cared about their church and their vision for a school. It told them that Prayers are answered. And 21 people coming into a community to work (for free) tells the people of that community that God is in control. People came out to see what we were doing and our being there drew attention to the work of Pastor Pedro Pablo and Santos Pamba church. But there is more to this story: If we had sent the money, there would not have been the personal connections to the people. The workmen who had fun learning English as we struggled with Spanish. The Women of the church who made us delicious soups and doled out huge bear hugs with tears as we said our Goodbyes. And the precious children with dusty clothes, curious eyes and delightful smiles. We had to see how God could take 21 people with many different backgrounds and in many different places in their walk of faith and have them not only work as a team but function as a family. All with the backdrop of the gorgeous Andes Mountains. Why did we have to go to Ecuador—God's hand was in it all. Vicki Borreson

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I would like to thank Marlys and Gary for the incredible opportunity to be a STM (short term missionary). As with so many things in life, I'm just now, (after the fact) fully appreciating the experience. Serving the Lord, and helping others less fortunate, has given me a deeper appreciation of the abundant blessings I enjoy.

I was also blessed to be "room mother" with Kimmy and 2 of her friends Teresa and Erika from Young Life. What exceptional, fun loving, spirit filled young women! Their love of the Lord and attitude toward life's roller coaster ride was so very refreshing, and inspiring. And.....they even listened to all my Grammy Pammy stories.

To all my other team mates, I so enjoyed getting to know you better. They say ....you never know someone until you live with them. It was my honor and pleasure to live and work with all of you for those two weeks. Mr. Bill, it's a secret to many, but you are a very SPECIAL person. I consider all of you a blessing in my life for which I am forever grateful .....Let's do it again sometime!

For all of you who supported us financially or spiritually; thank you for your love and generosity, and please, if you haven't already been an STM, consider it in the future. It's an amazing experience that will impact your heart forever. Blessings! Pam Keller

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Hi All! The words are hard to find to describe all the feelings Paige and I felt as we journeyed thru the mission trip. The people, the scenery, the work, the relationships built, and most of all the ever-apparent presence of the Lord. Paige and I grew in so many ways, I could write a book! If I had to sum it up in one word, that word would be - FAITH! Blessings to Casey Joyce for all of her encouragement and prayers, to Dottie Coppell for graciously taking care of Shiloh while we were away, to every church member who supported and prayed for us and our mission, to everyone in Ecuador that made our trip memorable, and for every team member who shared this mission with us! We will never forget it! Thank you! Kathy and Paige Duvall

## How might you know if you are a Short Term Missionary

If you tell your family, friends and neighbors that you are going to a third world country to help people you have never met, to do things you may never have done before, living, sleeping, eating, and working with people you don't really know, and paying for it out of your own pocket, than you might be a short term missionary.

If there are 8 or 10 people sleeping in your bedroom and you are not in collage, the Army, Navy or Air Force, than you might be a short term missionary.

If you find yourself on "vacation", doing construction and or demolition work, than you might be a short term missionary.

If you wake up in the morning, more early than normal, with sore muscles with blisters everywhere and you are thanking God for this great experience, than you might be a short term missionary.

If you are praying for a clean toilet and dry toilet paper, than you might be a short term missionary.

If you find yourself sitting there thinking of ways to fish out the toilet paper because you were told to put it in the other can.... than you might be a short term missionary.

If you are traveling backwards in a bus on a dirt road made for small cars or large pigs and the side view mirrors were just knocked out... than you might be a short term missionary.

If you worked all day just to move a pile of sand over 15 feet and the next day see that someone placed another pile of sand in the same spot... than you might be a short term missionary.

If you wheel barrel a very large bolder and helplessly watch it roll down the wrong side of a hill thru a neighbor's fence and rest in the middle of his yard and all you can do is cry... than you might be a short term missionary.

If your way of supporting the economy is to buy the same hat over and over again... than you might be a short term missionary.

If you count to 30 before eating your lunch to make sure your beans and rice are not moving... than you might be a short term missionary.

If during devotions you find yourself praying that you won't have to pray out loud... than you might be a short term missionary.

If you are eating things you can't pronounce, have never seen before and are ask to thank God for it.. than you might be a short term missionary.

If you find it hard to understand the peoples' language, the same language that you aced in high school... than you might be a short term missionary.

If you noticed that the local men try there best to keep the lower half of the walls sparkling clean... than you might be a short term missionary.

If the canned goods you just bought for dinner has an expiration date of eight years ago... than you might be a short term missionary.

If you find yourself in a market where prices are three times lower than what you see back home and you still ask for a discount.. than you might be a short term missionary.

If you think cold showers are normal...than you might be a short term missionary.

If you work up a big appetite, but give your food to the child that looks up at you with those sad eyes.... than you might be a short term missionary.

If you have noticed that the people who have nothing but their family and God in their life, are the happiest people you have ever met... than you might be a short term missionary.

If after a two week mission, your return trip of thirteen hours finds the church parking lot empty of greeters just because it is only 3:00 am.....than you might be a short term missionary.

If you recount your blessings and find you have much more than you once thought... than you might be a short term missionary.

If you have done some or all the above and still go back a second or more times...than you might be a short term missionary.

Brought to you for your entertainment because you ask for it.

Bill Romine

# August Birthdays and Baptisms

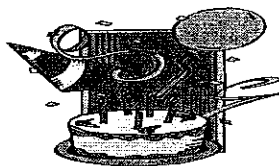
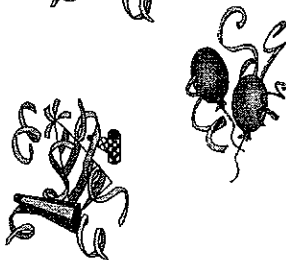
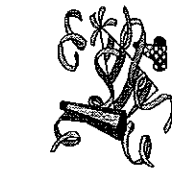
# August Worship Schedule

## August Birthdays

- 1 Kayla Ivey
- 2 Austin Smith
- 6 Samantha Crockett  
Ethan Johnston  
Michael Napolillo  
Margaret Papadakos  
Christina Roese  
William Romine  
William Schoeberlien
- 7 Beatrice Magsamen  
Michael Smith, Jr.
- 8 Ellen Hauer
- 9 Linda Addison
- 10 Jennifer DeWitt  
Sarah Haley  
Tessa McLean
- 11 Darlene Dudeck
- 12 Charlotte Logue  
Buzz Stromberger
- 13 Richard Faircloth, Sr.  
Abigail Gillespie  
Ray Grumbine
- 14 Casey Bolger  
Troy Coppell  
Henry Goetzke
- 15 Kaitlyn Dowell  
Martha Griggs
- 16 Timothy Kellogg  
Jacob West
- 17 Cheyanne McClellan  
Bill Teller, Sr.
- 18 Andreas Miller  
Betty Ridenour  
Joe Stisler, Jr.
- 19 Sam Crockett, Jr.  
Eric Scott  
Cheryl Vourvoulas
- 21 William Cox Sr.  
Grady Kehl  
Ken Krach, Sr.
- 22 Vicki Borreson
- 24 Kyle Joynes  
Julia Kohajda  
Courtney Marshall
- 25 Betty Hanincheck  
Maddie Keller  
Will Leimbach, Jr.
- 26 Marcia Galloway
- 27 Dolores Wise
- 28 Tyler Kelly
- 29 Justin Mason
- 30 Joseph Ahl  
Bianca Cellito
- 31 Lee Mayne

## August Baptisms

The following are celebrating the anniversary of their baptism in August: Anthony, Austin, & Cole Atkinson, Troy Coppell, Sam & Richi Crockett, Boyd Crouse, Marilyn Davis, Robert Deck, Paige Duvall, Ron Fletcher, Shane Fullem, Gabrielle Graff, Ethan Habicht, Donna Himes, Kim Holder, Dawn Jakum, Andy Janowich, Beverly Krach, Abigail Kohajda, Kara Kulczycki, Becky Long, Karen Mabe, Mary McLean, Kristen Napolillo, Erik Roese, Jr., Kimberly Roese, Dennis Warwick & Mark Wenger.



## Altar Guild

Lois & Joyce Diepold

## Money Counters

Pat Byron & MaryAnn Schultze

## Nursery

(No Attendants in July & August)

## Early Service Ushers :

- 8/3 Charlie Brundick, Randy Cargile & Boyd Crouse  
8/10 Jim Books & Ed Weihs  
8/17 George Diepold & Phil Muller  
8/24 Charlie Brundick, Randy Cargile & Boyd Crouse  
8/31 Jim Books & Ed Weihs

## Worship Assistants & Acolytes

### Early

### Late

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 8/3 Diane Fletcher    | Cheryl Vourvoulas |
| Lucas Cargile         | Lauryn Maggio     |
| 8/10 Dick Ortt        | Bertha Deck       |
| Megan Long            | Christen Shumar   |
| 8/17 Marlys Hettinger | Betty Ristau      |
| Emma Riemer           | Zach Coppell      |
| 8/24 Steve Janowich   | Tina Hauer        |
| John Myers            | Hunter Horn       |
| 8/31 Boyd Crouse      | Pat Byron         |
| Katelyn McFaul        | Jackie Skwarek    |
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## Baptisms

### June

Raven Nicole Abate, James Daniel Abate, Jr., and Merissa Magdalen Coburn were baptized on June 15, 2008.

### July

Aubrey Alaina Burns and David Wayne Goding, Jr. were baptized on July 27, 2008.

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## Weddings

### July

Cleve Miller and Ruth Burrows were united in Holy Matrimony on July 11, 2008.

Thomas Hanlin, Jr. and Krista Kulczycki were united in Holy Matrimony on July 26, 2008.

Congratulations and Blessings to all!

# Pew News

September Newsletter Deadline is August 22, 2008!

**August Council Meetings** will be on Tuesday, August 26th at 7 PM, The regular meetings will resume in September.

The next **Baptism Class** will be held on Wednesday, August 6th at 7PM for all who are interested in getting a loved one, child or adult, baptized. The classes are held in the first part of each month to assure time to meet with Pastor John after the baptism class. Please contact the church office at 410-335-4210 to confirm your attendance. The following is a schedule of Baptism Sundays in 2008: August 24th, September 28th, October 26th, November 23rd, December 28th.

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**The New St Matthew Web Page:** Check out St. Matthew's home page under construction at: <[www.stmatthewbowleysquarters.org](http://www.stmatthewbowleysquarters.org)> There is still work to be done and we look forward to the future for more improvements. Unless you have been a part of the construction of a web page, most of us do not know that a great deal of work goes into the creation, development, and maintenance of such a thing. Pray that this out reach is effective in not only sharing the ministry of St. Matthew Bowleys Quarters, but also the good news of salvation that comes from Jesus Christ. A very warm and tremendous thank you to our organist, Mark Hurley, who has donated countless hours into our current Web page.

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## HELP!

St. Matthew's would like to have a Daisy Girl Scout Troop this year. If you are interested in this fun and rewarding position, please contact Pam Keller, 410-335-7226. Daisy's are Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> graders. All scouts meet on Wednesday eve. 6:30 – 8:00.

## BROWNIES – BROWNIES – BROWNIES

We all love 'em - chewy chocolaty ones and the cute little Girl Scout ones! If you have a daughter or know a little girl in the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> grade that would like to join in the fun and become a Brownie Girl Scout, please contact Pam Keller or Vicki Borreson. All Girl Scouts meet on Wed. 6:30 to 8:00

# RAINFOREST ADVENTURE

## VBS: Rainforest Adventure

**VBS:** A Rainforest Adventure awaits at VBS "Under the Canopy"! Come join us next week, July 28<sup>th</sup> thru August 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 PM for fun with crafts, games, music and much, much more!!!! Registration fee is \$5. Helpers needed: If you can devote some time to our great program, even for just an hour, please see Joy Mayne or Jo Ann Gibbs between services, or call Joy at 410-574-4844!

**VBS Donations:** We are in need on donation of, drink boxes and containers of juice, Milk, individually wrapped granola bars, pretzel sticks, chewy fruit snacks, bugle shaped corn snacks, and red shoelace licorice. Donations can be dropped off today or on Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup> to the kitchen. Please mark all items "VBS". Milk can be placed in the refrigerator. Thank you for your support!

**VBS Decorating:** Please join us for a fun-filled afternoon of decorating today after late service! We will be decorating classrooms and the fellowship hall in preparation for our "Rainforest Adventure"! Also... we are in need of paper towel rolls for a VBS craft project.

**"Rainforest Adventure" Presentation:** Please join us for a special presentation reviewing our week in the rainforest on Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:45AM to 10:45AM in the fellowship hall! Sample some rainforest cuisine as we share songs, pictures, and a lot more from our interesting journey!

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## Sunday School Update

Dates to mark on your calendar:  
Summer Sunday School ends on August 31st.  
VBS starts on July 28th and there will be a "Rainforest Adventure" presentation on August 3rd @ 9:45AM. Rally Day will be September 7th.

**Mark's Maintenance Management**, our lawn service company, is offering discounts to all church members for his services contracted for lawn and landscaping services. Services range from seasonal/reoccurring services to one-time services. To discuss services, please contact Mark Kestner at 410-335-3683 or e-mail at marks-mamgt@aol.com.

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### **Joe Corbi Pizza Fundraiser**

**Playcare** is running a fundraiser for the needs of the daycare center with Joe Corbi Pizzas. The fundraiser will run from July 28<sup>th</sup> thru August 15<sup>th</sup> with a delivery date of August 22<sup>nd</sup>. A brochure and order form is available in the fellowship hall for your convenience, or stop by during the week to see Wendy or Tracy in person between 7AM and 5PM. All money is due on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for supporting our daycare facility!

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### **ALPHA COMES AGAIN IN SPRING 2009**

It was in 1999 when Palzinski was in the news, but also when St. Matthew began the Alpha Program for members and people from the community. The Alpha program is designed for seekers who want to ask questions about the Christian faith. We held four 15 week sessions through the year 2000 to encourage the faithful and those who were seeking to ask basic questions regarding the Christian faith. We are planning a 15 week session in the spring of 2009 and asking for volunteers to help organize the sessions. We will be meeting on Tuesday, July 29th @ 7PM for those who desire to help with the planning. We would love to have anyone who has even the slightest interest. If you have questions, call the church office or talk to Diane Fletcher, Pastor John or Betty Ristau. We look forward to asking and answering the questions of life.

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### **2009 National Youth Gathering**

Calling all youth...

If you are entering 9th grade this school year, are in high school grades 9th thru 12th, or graduated 12th grade in 2008, you are eligible for the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July of 2009. Parents are invited! We are holding a meeting on August 31st at 5:30PM at St. Matthew's to provide information and to get an idea of how many are interested in going. St. Matthew's must register by the middle of September. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to go, please call Katie Gibbs at 410-335-6887, or Vickie Borreson at 410-335-1870.

**Scholarship Sunday** will be held on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Everyone who completed an application for the 2008-09 school year will receive their scholarship on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

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Attention: Post Confirmands

**Are you feeling a void in your Spirituality?  
Are you feeling the need to reconnect with  
God?**

St. Matthew's and Parish Education will continue our Sunday morning "Table Talk" group for post confirmation students that wish to extend their knowledge of God! Starting on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, we will meet at 9:45AM in the Pastor's office to share thoughts on school, family, friends, dating, and of course, GOD!

Come and join us for this exciting venture into the world of post confirmation with Katie Gibbs. This class is not one of work, but a gathering of your peers to talk about the issues that effect and impact your life, and how to include God! God desires a relationship with you, and wants to be in YOUR life! This is an opportunity to know God better, along with developing relationships with your fellow Christian peers. You have a long journey ahead of you. We care about your journey, and it is our desire to offer you support – and the Connection!

Once again, come join us on Sundays at 9:45AM. Give us your input! We are interested!

Yours in Faith!

Katie Gibbs, "Table Talk" Leader

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### **\*2008 Young Life Fishing Tournament**

Young Life Baltimore East will hold an annual fishing tournament on Tuesday, August 12th. For registration, please contact Barry Tolton at 410-686-3858. The tournament will benefit the Young Life Program in Eastern Baltimore County. The tournament starts in the morning and ends with a lunch and award ceremony held at St. Matthew. Young Life is a non-denominational Christian organization that focuses on sharing the Gospel with high school kids. YLEB services Kenwood, Eastern Tech and Patapsco high schools. Barry Tolten is the Area leader. Kim Kulczycki and Erica Lewandowski are both volunteer leaders with Young Life. Kim and Erica are a part of our team going to Ecuador this summer. Pray that the event be a success and that the Gospel continues to be proclaimed to young people in our area.