

From Manabí-Ecuador I want to begin by giving thanks, because God is acting and working so that children and their families in the very vulnerable sectors where we work with children who until three years ago were without God, without education, without future and without hope and now they have accepted God's call. For these children the Lord has provided the "escuelita" or the "church"; since this is what they call the place we have as a foundation, to talk to them about God's love, and also to provide them with other tools to face the future in a better way.



The HOPE ec Foundation is a non-profit ONG, formed by a family, Mauricio (husband), Annabella (wife), and Mauricio André, our 20 year old son.



We are Adventists by birth and we feel that God has called us to do the work that He wants us to do in these last days. We have two missionary projects, 25 km from each other. We started in a very vulnerable sector called LA REVANCHA, and the other project is located in JARAMIJÓ, a fishing village.

Today we present our **True Story N° 02**.

This one takes place in the town of Jaramijó. The Mero Mero family has 2 children, Yuleidy and Snayder Mero Mero, 11 and 5 years old respectively. They attend the foundation; Yuleidy, the oldest child was baptized in September 2023.

Their mother, Johana, attends the "School for Parents" seminars that my husband gives every 15 days for parents.

Last year Johana told me the joyful news that she was pregnant with a third child, by then she was only 2 weeks pregnant; we as a foundation wanted to support her with her baby girl before she was born.

Johana's husband is a fisherman and goes out in a small boat to the high seas for two or three weeks, returns with the catch, sells it and leaves again.



It is important to emphasize that at the present time there is a lot of crime and on the high seas, thieves rob these small boats and steal the engines, beat and even kill the fishermen to be able to steal especially the engines. We started to collect money to be able to buy some things for Johana for the birth of her baby girl, diapers, clothes, bottles, blanket, towel, etc.

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One Monday in January of this year, Joanna arrived with her children to the 15:30 class and after singing and praying, she called me to tell me that if we could help her husband to get a job, she was worried because her cesarean was scheduled for February 24, "and I don't even have diapers" - she said.



I very happily replied, Johana God knew your need and made provision for you, and little by little we have bought some things for you, and we plan to deliver to you today, don't worry God has heard your silent prayer.

Johana became very happy, God had answered her prayer, she is beginning to experience in her life what it means to follow Christ, and how Christ supplies our needs. "But

seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you" Matthew 6:33.

On January 19, she began to have pains, that morning I received a message from Johana: "sister, I had to come to the hospital because I have pains, they are going to do the cesarean today, please pray that everything goes well with my baby and me", that message gave me much joy, Johana and her family were beginning to trust in God, she asked me to support her in prayer so that God can work and everything goes well. That day, January 19, 2024, Alexa Mero was born, we are very grateful to God for His mercy!!!





WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS: that God will continue to use my husband, our son and me as instruments in His hands, to continue sharing the gospel to the more than 200 children and their families with who work at the moment.

Christ is coming back soon for the second time and there is still much to do.

GIVE: We need to buy a piece of land, build a SUPPORT CENTER, furnish it and adapt it for the children, to continue this work.

We need to change our vehicle, because in the rainy season we cannot go in to give classes, due to the amount of mud that makes the vehicle skid, which is dangerous.

We need didactic material and supplies for daily work, a new and complete computer (CPU) as well as a color copier to be able to work and print the work for the children.

We need resources for fuel and vehicle maintenance, registration and insurance. With this van we pick up the children from their homes and transport them to and from each class every day.

These periodic financial resources are important to have a fund to help them in health emergencies and to provide food kits as many times a year as possible, and for Foundation expenses.

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