

The Schmidt Schnippiddts

Newsletter of Fred and Desi Schmidt,
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Dear Ones,

We thought you would enjoy hearing about the visitors who pass through our lives or send email asking for information. We count this as part of our ministry in Ecuador. What a joy for us and, hopefully, for them too!

VISITORS

Dan Mills, a previous flight instructor of Fred's from Moody Aviation, flew in for his first visit to Quito in his boss' company jet. What fun to talk old times and renew acquaintance.



Jay Aeschli-
man
popped an
email to me
one day and
the very
next day
showed up,
co-piloting
an Atlas Air
747 cargo jet. We hadn't met Jay before, but had heard about him. He was the first full-time pilot for Flying Mission in Botswana, several years before we got there, way back in '89! How fun to reminisce about people and places we both knew.



Planning a world flight tour going from west to east, Ralf and Marga Hannemann, both German pilots, contacted Fred months before, needing information on Ecuador, and where to park their small, high wing, twin engine airplane called a Partenavia. On previous private flights to Africa, they met

several MAF personnel and thus, decided to contact us in Quito. We shared our ramp spot with them at the Quito airport.



Steve and his son Jesse Saint are regular visitors to Ecuador. Steve is the son of Nate Saint, who was killed by the Auca (Waurani) in 1956. Along with his work with the Waurani, Steve and

Jesse are heading up a small airplane assembly plant in the town of Shell. They specialize in a type called the RV-10. Steve's RV-10 was flown down from the U.S., for refurbishment by the crew in Shell. It is their show model.

A young lady came to visit us, whose parents not only are our ministry supporters, but also long-time friends. She observed the elementary classrooms at the Alliance Academy International school where Kyle attends. Perhaps the Lord will call her to full-time ministry in education overseas.



With a strong interest in MAF and, in particular, the ministry we have in Ecuador, David and Maggy Meade visited not only her Ecuadorian family, but also, saw MAF in action and talked over the possibilities of ministry in the future. Pray for this young couple and the Lord's direction in their lives.



Special Prayer Requests

- *Due to several families on furlough and the recent departure of 2 families, we are quite short-staffed. Pray for wisdom in knowing how to proceed with all of this. Fred will be in Shell more often, but will continue to juggle his workload in Quito too.*
- *Price of aviation fuel is now close to \$7 a gallon, an increase of over \$2 since last year. How do we keep costs down in order to be effective Gospel carriers?*
- *Continued godly vision for our national entity Alas de Socorro del Ecuador.*



My cousin and her daughter came from Canada to visit Quito for a day and a half. It was great! I finally got the courage to climb the Gothic type towers in the Basilica, a cathedral in the old part of Quito.

Titus Women

The Titus Women Bible study finished "Growing Strong in God's Family." We culminated our final time together with a pot-luck brunch which included homemade empanadas...a deep-fried, cheese filled bread. So many of the women grapple with hard situations, but testify to hanging on to the Lord and to the encouragement the group provides. Please pray as we plan the next study to start in September. We need small group leaders and 'called ones' to help serve in the women's ministries of the church.

Eldership

Our church is growing and changing. Thankfully, four men stepped up into the eldership role, with Fred, being one of them. Along with my position with women's ministries, we feel humbled at the immense task of helping to 'shepherd the flock.' Ministry needs press hard and godly decisions don't often come easily, but how grateful we are to be used by the Lord in this way.



Thank you for taking time to read our letters and share what happens in our lives. You are part of our team...we can't do anything without your help, both in financial gifts and in your prayers. Thank you for being an integral part of the ministry here in Ecuador.

Under His Wings,
Desi, for Fred and Kyle, too

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