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*Conference in Guayaquil*



Greetings to you all from the land of fruit and of happy people! God has been so good to us here in Ecuador. We are so blessed to receive many visits from the States that have really changed our lives.

This March was the third time when P. Ray and a team from Carlisle, Pennsylvania, came to Ecuador. They were with us for almost two weeks and we had an amazing tour around the country in the cities where we have churches: Guayaquil, Baños and Quito.

The Carlisle team left all of us with a big smile on our faces; their love and joy was overwhelming. Each one of them has a unique way of revealing Christ's character.

We were so blessed to have some of the women from Carlisle with us at the rehab clinic. There was such an expression of God's love through the word and through attitude that the girls were unusually broken.

I was really touched in Baños by Yolanda's testimony; she is the most faithful member of the church in Baños and also the pillar of the church there. We gather in her house for services. Yolanda told us that last year when she first met the team from Carlisle she actually met the Lord. It was so beautiful to see her after a year, which has not been at all easy for her, how she's grown spiritually in trust and dependence on the Lord.



*Youth group soul-winning in Quito*



*The awesome local body in Quito*



*The ladies meeting in Quito*

What a great blessing and encouragement to see our youth group from Guayaquil soul-winning in Quito! I personally had the privilege of being in the same team with Justine, Fairy, Alex and Brandon from Carlisle...such great soul-winners!



The word preached was so powerful and necessary. Some thoughts from the conference: Whoever looks into the law of love will be not just a hearer but also a doer of the Word of God. Transparency is God looking inside of us and seeing Himself in there. Transparency is when you and I see ourselves in Christ.

What a conference! It was really such a gift from God. Thank you P. Ray and the Carlisle team for visiting us and bringing this richness to our lives. Praise the Lord for it!

I want to use this opportunity and THANK ALL OF YOU who are part of this through your prayers and your support.

In Christ's love, *Olimpia*