

Today's Piece of the Puzzle



"Renew a steadfast spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me." Psalm 51:10, 12

Renewal

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much, for being interested in my journey and my ministry. The new year is sure to bring exciting and changes and new growth!!

Continued Prayer:

Shortly after my last letter, early the morning of December 7th, my grandfather took his last breath. The following weeks brought floods of family and friends, funeral preparations and a holiday season tamed by melancholy and mourning. I am so grateful for the many words of kindness and prayers you have sent over the last month. As you think of me this January please pray for continued healing for my family, especially my grandmother, Joan.

A Renewed Spirit:

As the year progresses, I am nearing my time of departure!! The winter months will be filled with focused fundraising and a few weeks of ITeams training. Spring will usher in a lot of packing, scheduling of flights and language school arrangements. I have zero doubts that God has been and will continue to guide this process of preparation and fundraising. I am so super excited for what 2017 will bring!!



Carmen Bajo's education program has grown so big that classrooms are taking over their church property. Shown above are the beginnings of their new sanctuary.

God Always Provides:

Though I took some time away,

I have currently raised 46% of my monthly support and 60% of my one-time costs goal!!

If you are interested in becoming a monthly donor, please consider committing sooner than later. The earlier monthly commitments are received, the better we can plan for the future!



I want to thank those of you who are financially supporting of the ministry in Ecuador!!
I can't express how excited and grateful I am to have you on the team!!

I also want to ask others to consider joining the team. I am asking you to consider what you can and are willing to spend on the work of Jesus in Ecuador. Whether becoming either a one-time or monthly donor, remember that the sooner you are willing to take the step, the better! You can do so, at give.iteams.us/30US3019, either by automatic monthly EFTs and credit card transactions or one-time special gifts as God blesses you financially.

If you have any questions or would like to chat about the ministry I am joining PLEASE feel free to email me at chelsea.diefenbach@iteams.org.

What Else Can You Do?

- Please remember my family and our loss in your prayers this month.
- Please pray for progress with my fundraising goal; that my excitement for Jesus, kids, and Ecuador will shine and that others will want to be a part of the ITeams family!

Again, thank you for your love, support and prayers!! I am so full of joy and excitement as my team and ministry continue to grow! I truly appreciate all of you so much!!

So much love,
Chelsea Diefenbach

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NO TURNING BACK

I taught high school for 7 years before entering into ministry with International Teams. This blog documents the ups and downs of my decision to follow Jesus.



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