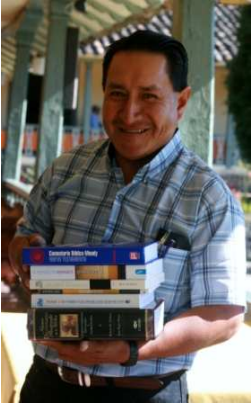




“First the bread then the Bread of Life”

WINTER 2010

PRAISE GOD! DADDY GETS TO STAY HOME! WHAT A CHRISTMAS GIFT! (MOLLEPAMBA, ECUADOR)



Several newsletters ago, we told a story about Olger and his family and the large possibility that he would have to leave his wife and two daughters to seek work in Spain or London. Praise God that is not going to happen! Agrimissions is working with SIM Ecuador on a small farm demonstration project using the Chapin Irrigation System that will allow Olger to grow enough food to both feed his family and make enough money to support them. Prayerfully this project will allow other communities and individuals to be successful in doing what Olger will be able to do—stay, live, work, and worship in the communities where they have been born. On the most recent visit to Ecuador, Olger had just received his books for studying to become a pastor in his community. The smile on his face was truly only a reflection of the joy in his heart of such an incredible story. This family has been a tremendous blessing and testimony to the scripture, “God hears the cries of the poor.”

THE NEW BUZZ WORD

Don't know if you have heard, but the new buzz words are *environmentalism* or *conservation* or *creation care*. In our travels, we are seeing the church becoming more active in the mandate to take care of God's creation. Water quality as well as water quantity is one of the big issues for most of the communities Agrimissions provides assistance to and for years has been one of Doug's focuses. He is always telling us to turn off the water and please don't get him started on people “watering” the concrete and his kids have always teased him about his “30 second” showers (maybe that is a small exaggeration). The Chapin Bucket Kits are one way to address this huge issue of water and the conservation and lack of it. These systems allow a family to have a small garden and only use two 5-gallon buckets of water a day. Currently, in the ministry of Agrimissions, we are installing and demonstrating the Chapin system in Paraguay, Ecuador, Kenya, and the Agrimissions HQ in Crockett. If you are personally interested in this system, we invite you to go to the Chapin website www.chapinlivingwaters.org or if you would like, we would love to come to your church or community to demonstrate this system and to show you one way you can care for God's creation and His resources.



CASE DE FE, SAVING THE DISCARDED CHILDREN (SHELL, ECUADOR)

Casa de Fe, a ministry in Shell Ecuador, cares for abandoned children, especially those with special needs. The children there have issues such as Down's syndrome, cerebral palsy, visual and auditory deficiencies, malnutrition, physical deformities and many more physical or mental handicaps. Most of the children come from the indigenous population and because of their ancient belief system that only the strong survive, mothers are required to kill children born in an unhealthy or weakened state. Many of the mothers, though, abandon these children on buses or in a place where they know they will be cared for such as Casa de Fe, rather than kill them.

Agrimissions is working with the director there to provide educational materials to teach the children how to garden and grow their own food. Junior Master Gardener student books and teacher guides have been donated to instruct in very simple and inexpensive ways how to produce a successful garden. The program will be done in conjunction with missionaries of HCJB. Also Agrimissions has donated small wooden planter boxes that the children can assemble, plant seeds in and watch the plants grow. Agrimissions will return in 2011 to monitor the progress of the program and provide additional information and assistance.



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AGRIMISSESIONS, HCJB GLOBAL, AND PICHAN—BUCKET KITS MAKE FAMILY GARDEN POSSIBLE
(PICHAN, ECUADOR)

In November, 21 bucket kits traveled from Crockett, Texas to Pichan, Ecuador. And trust me, the cutting, putting together and figuring out how to pack 2,000+ feet of irrigation tape and all the accessories needed is not an easy feat. But with these bucket kits comes the possibility of families growing their own food in adverse conditions and in places where water is a huge issue. Agrimissions, working with HCJB Global Hands, took the kits and gave a training session on how to construct and use the kits. The gratefulness of this community was overwhelming. Trust me when I say it is much easier for someone to hear you share the gospel of Jesus Christ when they are not trying to hear over their or their children’s growling bellies. This project in the Pichan community will run for 2 years, 2011 and 2012. Also, with HCJB at the home of one of their missionaries in Ambato, we are assisting in the installation and implementation of a small garden demonstration with the Chapin system and planting some different varieties of plants. This demonstration location will be made available as a teaching site for local churches and communities to come observe and learn how to garden in an urban setting. In conjunction with the gardens will be training in health and nutrition.



THE STATE OF THE UNION (UNION OF AGRIMISSESIONS THAT IS)

Agrimissions is growing and we wanted you to know just what’s happening and who is involved. We now have six people in the ministry of Agrimissions. Gary and Tula Crumpton from North Carolina are working towards becoming full-time. They have completed all their training and are beginning to work in providing assistance in Africa. Robert and Susan Anderson from Kentucky joined Agrimissions this year and have begun the process of completing all the required training. Requests for assistance continue to pour in from all over the world, so the Crumptons and Andersons are truly a Godsend.

Our (Doug and Becky) calendar for 2011 is already full with projects in Ecuador, Nicaragua, and Paraguay and overseeing the headquarters in Crockett; the Crumptons have a project with a church in Kenya. Also we have ongoing assistance being provided to six ministries in the United States. Last but not least we need you to pray about this: As we have written in the past, the purpose of Agrimissions is to provide service, training and workers and have asked numerous times to pray for more workers. In 2011, we will begin an exciting venture called **“Exploring Your Call to Mission as an Agriculturalist”**. This will be 17 days of intensive training starting in the U.S. and ending at the agricultural center in Paraguay. Please pray with us about this as it is a major step that Agrimissions is taking.

2010 has been a great year because of your participation as the Agrimissions family with your dollars and your prayers. Continue to walk with us and be amazed at what God does in 2011, as together we bring **“first the bread, then the Bread of Life”**.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR 2011

- * Director for Paraguay Ag Center
- * Two interns at Crockett
- * Two full-time missionaries at Crockett HQ
- * Marriage of our daughter Abby to Scott Laverick

“Suddenly there was with the angel a large army of the heavenly host, saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men”.



Financial Update – Unlike a lot of missionaries who have struggled with finances this year to the point of having to curtail their ministry activities, the Neels have not had this experience. However, in 2011 because of the increased requests our budget has increased by 10%. We know though that God has sent these requests and will also provide what is needed to fulfill them. If you sense that God is moving you to support us for the first time or to raise your level of present support remember tax deductible gifts can be sent to: The Mission Society, POB 922637, Norcross, GA 30010-2637. **Designate gifts: Neel Support 1/333.**