

# Team Butchers News – October 2009

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September has been and gone and was quite a rollercoaster one way and another; hence not getting around to a news update – sorry! We'll do our best to condense some of the highs and lows.

## HIGHS

### Recurso Enfocado en el Desarrollo de Líderes de Misiones

At last Peter has managed to start a group to train and network pastors and leaders of Misiones (poor community churches) in and around Guayaquil. The weekly groups deals with practical themes and has an attendance of about twenty six.



The Pastors Network

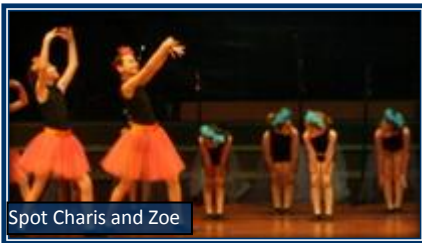


Micah & Chris Leitch

**Micah & Chris** – are midterm volunteers who have joined us until the middle of December. Micah is working on the international Pepe website, and Chris is preparing and delivering training in child protection to Pastors, church leaders and Pepe teachers around Ecuador.



Alex ready for Gala Night



Spot Charis and Zoe

**Noche de Gala:** it is always great to enjoy "proud parent moments" and the kids school's Gala Night at a local theatre was a great occasion. Alex played the xylophone and Charis and Zoe danced. They did themselves and us proud.

## GRACIAS

**Vicki's hand** has improved significantly after a church team member visiting from Norton Baptist removed a rogue stitch in true missionary style – thanks Helen!

We're really grateful that the Lord brought **Chris and Micah** to us. As well as making a significant contribution to the work here, they are a lot of fun and good to have around.

The **Network of church planters** and leaders is going really well, for which we give thanks.

## POR FAVOR

**Safety** – Guayaquil is not renowned for its safety and at the moment the President has declared a state of emergency because the crime rate is at an all time high - especially in the area where we live.

**Travel** – Chris and Micah and Vicki will need to do a lot of travelling around and outside the city in the next few weeks. Peter is increasingly visiting *misiones* that are on the fringes of the city, and at night.

**HA2010** – please pray as we prepare for our Home Assignment, and make arrangements to leave our home and work here in Ecuador.

## LOWS

**School** always brings hard times for kids, but somehow it feels more pronounced living overseas when things are tough. Tom has had some particularly difficult days again and Charis has been bullied quite a bit. They are settling down again now, and we are praying it continues!

**Vergeles** - the transition to a local Pastor has been very painful and we have sat through some difficult meetings with the new Pastor and the Pastor of the Mother Church. We have now been told that "all is well", but we are far from convinced. Vicki especially, who is still involved with Pepe on a weekly basis in Vergeles can see that things are not going well for the members of the church there. Let's keep praying...

## LOOKING FORWARD

Vicki is busy finishing off the workbooks for the Prekinder Pepe classes so that the teachers have a usable manual and workbook for every age group in Pepe. She is also working alongside Chris translating the workshops for Child Protection. Vicki is also involved with her first Regional Coordinators course on 24<sup>th</sup> October, which is a good step forward in bringing some structure to the Pepe programme in Ecuador.

Peter continues writing the material for his leaders' network and is getting increasing invitations to speak and preach at various activities, services and events of the *misiones* with whom we work.

Thanks for your interest and your support, with our love,

**Peter, Vicki, Thomas, Charis, Alex**



PEPE training in the Mission Centre