



WILLIAMS family

January – February 2023



Dear Pastors and Prayer Warriors,

Our first priority in January was to replace our car engine. I found a rebuilt engine in Houston that was only a couple hundred dollars more than a non-rebuilt engine in our local area. Since the car and all of my tools were at the airport, we went there in a borrowed vehicle and started the job by pulling the bad engine. We then drove to Houston, exchanged it for the rebuilt engine, returned to the airport, and installed the rebuilt engine. As of the end of February, we have put over 5,000 miles on it, and everything is working very well!



Next, we visited a local church here in Texas that had just taken us on for support and then attended their very enjoyable Camp Meeting. We had to miss the last day since we had to leave for a Missions Conference in California. We enjoyed the meeting and had the opportunity to go soul winning in a predominately Spanish-speaking area. The people there were very receptive, and we saw three people trust Christ as their Saviour. Next, we had a chance to visit with my parents, who live just a few hours north. We visited some churches while we were there and were given several special offerings for the airplane work. While we were there, a supporting church there presented us with a \$10,000 gift for the plane. We then traveled back to Texas for a conference at one of our supporting churches, where we were also given a special offering of over \$7,000 for the airplane.

As of the end of February, we are only lacking \$3,000 to completely pay off the engine kit. Since the delivery date has slipped, we know that we will be able to have it fully paid by the time it is ready. God has been providing in a great way for this airplane project, and we are looking forward to seeing how He provides the rest!

In Ecuador, Pastor Gallo has been searching for property. We had narrowed the possible areas down while we were there and had decided that the Huamboya area was an excellent place to look. We wanted to know how open the people in the area are to the Gospel, so he took his college students and staff to the area to do two days of evangelistic meetings. They had 10 different meetings and saw more than 1,500 people trust Christ as their Saviour! The first week of February, after much discussion and prayer, he purchased 82.5 acres of land a little west of the town of Namakim. It is very flat and suitable for a runway. The property has just over $\frac{2}{3}$ of a mile of road frontage. There are power lines along the road, so we will have electricity available.



He has been taking his college students there to work on clearing the land to prepare it for the runway and church that he will be building and starting there very soon. They are making great progress in clearing the land. Please be in prayer for their protection while they do this work. There are 17 different venomous snakes in the jungle of Ecuador. On the first day of work, they found and killed 7. It is about a 1½-hour drive to the nearest city with a hospital. If anyone were to be bitten, it could easily be life-threatening. Clearing the land will reduce the likelihood of it being an attractive place for the snakes to live and, therefore, make it safer to live and work there.

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Here in the U.S., we are looking for a new place to put the airplane. The flight school/maintenance company that was allowing us to use the hangar space has closed. The airport says that they have no hangar openings, and the new company will be charging somewhere between \$500 and \$750 a month for space in the hangar where we have been keeping the plane. I have checked all airports within three hours of our location, and all are full. We have a few other options we are researching but are not yet sure what God has planned for us.

Our current needs are to:

- Finish paying for the engine kit for the airplane.
- Find new hangar space for the airplane.
- Raise the money for and purchase the avionics.
- Raise the money for the STOL modifications.
- Finish the repair work.
- Pray for safety for the people working on the new property in Ecuador.

Thank you for faithfully praying for us and allowing God to use you to help provide for this ministry.

God bless you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher J. Williams". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Chris & Irene Williams