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After two years we finally got to use our furniture again. In the beginning of February, we signed a lease on a house and had our furniture delivered. After two years of it sitting in a warehouse we weren't sure what to expect, but thank God everything was in great shape except for our washing machine. However, once the Whirlpool technician came out and changed the motor everything worked fine.

Our next big purchase is a vehicle. Some have sent extra love gifts for that need. Thank you for that. Though the prices have come down some from previous years, mainly from all the Chinese vehicles available, a decent vehicle is still very expensive.

COVID has been very active here in Ecuador, causing the government to place more restrictions on the public. We can no longer enter public places without first showing our vaccination card. Most of our churches went back to having services via Zoom because of the Omicron outbreak, but life is slowly getting back to normal as we have resumed services. I have been preaching Bible and Family conferences. We are also scouting for places to start new churches. Pastor Tito and I have been looking at a couple newer areas in the city. The first week of March we will be headed to Cuenca, Ecuador, a hotspot for North American retirees. The last report I saw was nearly ten thousand who have retired there, most of whom have little or no knowledge of Spanish. We will be exploring the possibility of ministry there. It is a half hour plane ride or three to four hours by car. Pray that we would be able to take advantage of this open door.

Thank you for your prayers, special gifts, and financial support. It is a blessing indeed to represent you here in Ecuador.

In His Name,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard K. Hurst". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Richard and Anna Hurst
Missionaries in Ecuador

"I have set thee to be a light . . . unto the ends of the earth." Acts 13:47