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My name is Mario Salomón Bedoya Peñafiel, I was born in a small place called Recinto Ramo Grande, Paján in the province of Manabí, Ecuador. I grew up in a very catholic and complicated home because my Dad was an alcoholic at that time and my Mom had epileptic attacks.

When I was 14 I left my town and went to the city of Guayaquil because I had a problem with my Dad. It was difficult for me to get accustomed to this new life style but I had no other option. I started to work very hard and to build a new and apparently good world. Being 20 I realized that not everything was good.

In my infant life at home I learned to work, the more I worked the more I felt emptiness in my life, which I tried to fill in different ways and places; everything I did increased my anguish.

When I was 25 someone talked to me about Jesus Christ, and started to visit the Nazarene Church where I found a dynamic group of friends with a life style that impacted my life.

Everything around me was beautiful; I started to enjoy God's love in my life. I pursued God with total sincerity, suddenly to go to church, sing and tithe and to be a member was not enough.

Being 30 I met a very pretty young lady, who is now my wife and started together a new life in the city of Quito. In this city God began to work with us and on the 17th of July, at 9 p.m. we decided to study at the Seminary.

Since that time, my wife and I can say that God provided all our needs, we depended upon Him. Our testimony is that He has supplied for all we need.

To begin our studies in the Seminary we gave up many things and trusted that the One who has promised to be with us would do so, Joshua 1:5. He is the One who says in His Word that He will take care of us Phil. 4:6.

Through this letter I would like to express my gratitude for investing to help me to fulfill God's purpose for my life. Psalms 138:8.

My wife and I want to finish our education in the Seminary, so we may devote ourselves to His work, although we have already been serving Him in preaching and teaching. We are glad for that, but we know that we can do better, that we can give more. We are thankful to the Lord because He guides us through His Holy Spirit. We want to go wherever to be used by Him.

Blessings