



LAURA FLORES

I was working with Pastor William Solórzano of “La Primera Iglesia Bautista” (First Baptist Church). He let me use the front office of his church to attend to needy disabled people who could not afford medicines, therapies, wheelchairs, prosthetic limbs and so on.

One day I decided to make a banner to advertise who we were. The banner, printed out quite primitively on my computer, said, “FUNDACION VIDA EN ABUNDANCIA” (Life in Abundance trust). A few days after it went up William told me that a woman had come in looking for help as a result of seeing the banner. She lived in a slum known as Laura Flores. She had lived in a cane hut. She had left a candle burning in it, and the hut had caught fire and she and her children were now destitute.



This was the first I had ever heard of Laura Flores, but I felt that this was an indication that we should start working there regularly. This community turned out to be a collection of huts made of cane or wood which had been unofficially built on a municipal rubbish dump a few miles outside the town. There was no running water or sewage system and no electricity. People had come there to live from all over Ecuador to look for work in the town.

We did women’s Bible studies, nutrition classes and crafts. Lots of folk got involved. There was a children’s Bible club and then later a cell church and a Christian pre-school. Many different people, both nationals and from abroad have given their time energy and money to helping the people of this desperately poor and deprived area.



Jill Ball, Sept '13.

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