



world missions

Mobilize 100 new Free Methodist missionaries
(66 international; 34 North American)



Oscar and Camila Palma

- ◆ From Chile
- ◆ Serving in Ecuador

For the last five years Oscar Palma, Camila Garretón and their son Juan Pablo Palma Carretón have been serving the Lord in Ecuador through the Free Methodist Church. Today they are pastoring the New Life FMC in north Quito and since 2003 have used "The Purpose Driven Church" as their strategy for growth. They have worked hard to create a complete church-growth plan, and are thankful that God is providing the results. They have received 25 new members in the church. Their goal for the coming year is 20 new members for a total of 63. They also hope to purchase property for a church building." Our greatest desire is to take the Word of God and plant new FM churches in areas where there are none," writes Oscar. "And with the help of the Lord we will see this dream come true."

Their first two years in Ecuador, the Palmas supported the ministry of both Pastor Manuel Rosero at the Light and Life FMC in south Quito, as well as missionary Kevin Dunbar who then pastored the New Life FMC in north Quito.

The Palmas both have bachelor's degrees in education, with Oscar specializing in the area of music and Camila in primary education.

Before arriving to Ecuador, they both worked for one year in the Talcahuano, Chile, FMC helping the senior pastor. In addition to ministry with the church, Oscar worked as a teacher in the city's schools doing a project for drug and alcohol prevention. Camila graduated from the university only four months before their arrival in Ecuador.

In 2000 this young Chilean couple contacted Latin America Area Director David Roller about going to Texas to learn English so they could be missionaries with another organization. David suggested they go to Ecuador and minister with the Free Methodist Church.

(Note: In much of South America a woman keeps her maiden name even after marriage, and the children take on both last names.)