

Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

Today Doug Sturm and Karen Monk finished the scraping and painting work they were doing with members of the Ecuadorian team. Great job!

The VBS crew put on a skit about the Good Samaritan. Arturo Maine narrated, so no one else needed to speak. Sandy Mantz & Lynne Taylor were the robbers, Lorraine DeArmitt was the priest, Bill Moore the Levite, Dale Ashby the Samaritan, Judy Stevens the innkeeper, and Daniel Espitia was the videographer.. (Margarita Destruge spent the morning with Oscar's father & was not present). We had lots of fun doing the skit & the children loved it. We agree that Oscar Destruge should have an Oscar for his performance – he made everyone laugh.







Today the older children's class had 27 children, and we ran out of places at the tables for the



latecomers.









This afternoon was shopping day. We went to the market in Quito to purchase goods that we will sell in the U.S. The women in UMW do not make the scarves and ponchos we wanted to purchase, so Oscar located a Christian woman who has a booth in Quito's market, and we purchased goods from her. Margarita Destruge was the negotiator.





After dinner, we sorted through all the school supplies we brought and boxed them up for distribution.

Here's a message from Bill Moore:

Jesus said, let the children come to him – do not hold them back. As discípulos de Cristo we are called to welcome the children – all of them – and boy have we! With each day of the week, more and more children have joined in this community of love. And with each day the members of this team and of the church team have endeavored to respond with grace, with faith, and with love. At times there have been challenges, but not more than can be borne, and the reason for that? Simply that we are confident in a certainty that the Lord is present in this place.