

News

Well we are all safely back in Ecuador along with our suitcases and with heads full of happy memories of our time in the UK. Thank you for praying for us during this time; we feel very encouraged by the interest shown in the ministry here and the practical love demonstrated to us by so many of you. Thanks also to existing financial supporters as well as some new ones—we look forward to partnering with you. See you all in 2009! The kids started back at school on Aug 30th. Ben is pleased to be in 1st grade and Lottie likes being at her new school with Ben. She is in a pre-kindergarten class and is the only native English speaker in her class.

Martin is surveying and building relationships in three communities. Ruth is



We enjoyed an amazingly sunny week (considering the summer!) in Cornwall just before flying back to Ecuador.



Scene of devastation in Pisco, Peru. The earthquake struck whilst we were flying back to Ecuador on Aug 15th.

catching up with friends; her Bible studies begin again in two weeks.

As you may have heard in the news, Ecuador's neighbour Peru has been hit by a serious earthquake. 85,000 are estimated homeless. HCJB sent an emergency response team from Quito to one of the worst hit cities and were the first on the scene to deliver emergency healthcare and trauma counseling. Our church here in Quito is collecting food and clothing to take down there. Please pray for Christians that their practical demonstration of love would have eternal benefits at this difficult time for the Peruvians.

We return to a much calmer situation inside the mission. The employment dispute is 99% resolved now and the

mission is in a position to move forwards. Thanks for your prayers for this, especially as we were not able to share a great deal of information due to the issue being so politically sensitive.



Left: Water flows in a jungle community where our colleagues Alex & Alfredo Leon work. Right: Quichua work in Lirio.

Please pray for the mission as we move forwards. The AGM begins on Martin's birthday (Sept 10th) and lasts one week. HCJB has also just released a document that moves forward the process of defining and implementing the future of HCJB in the Latin American region. The next two years will be exciting as well as challenging for this region. Please pray for the region and members of HCJB serving in this part of the world as we go through this process. The mission is also looking for a new president as Dave Johnson will step down next year.

Prayer

We thank God for...

- All the encouragements we received during our home assignment—sharing at all the meetings—35 total!
- The encouragement that God gave through us to churches and individuals. It was a blessing to be a channel of God's blessing!
- That people have been motivated into mission—whether it be as prayer partners, work team members or longer term mission workers.

- The way the kids did so well with all the travel and places we visited—21 changes of location in 3 months!
- That Ben and Lottie were so excited about coming 'home' to Ecuador. We were too!!!
- We give thanks for our friends here—we were met by 3 families at the airport—a lovely surprise.
- That the employment issue in Ecuador is basically resolved.

Please pray for...

- The earthquake situation in Peru.
- Martin's survey trip to 3 communities (4th to 6th Sept).
- HCJB Global AGM (10th to 13th Sept)
- The development and implementation of HCJB's strategy for Latin America.
- The search for a new HCJB President.

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