

A time for visitors

Ecc 3:1 There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:

This year is a season for visitors so we thought we would share with you our diary from May to the end of the year more or less.

We are really excited about sharing our lives and our work with family, friends, church teams and short term missionaries. Please pray that we would be a blessing to all those who visit. Pray that we would be able to plan their visits well so that they fully experience the work of water projects, have time to marvel at God's creation and have energy left to enjoy the vibrancy, attitude and altitude of a capital city like Quito. Please pray for us as a family. We enjoy giving hospitality and it will be great to have an injection of British culture! We can already smell Cadbury's chocolate, Weetabix and tea in the pot! We also will need to maintain our normal routines of work, school, church and friends amidst all the excitement. Please pray for us in this regard.

And so to some dates...

May 14th-20th: Martin is supporting a US sent ministry team that will be working on a highland water project.

May 17th: Charles and Jenny Unsworth arrive (Ruth's parents).

Early June: Summer students arrive for placements with HCJB. Two will be assigned to Water Projects—John and Mark. Martin and Ruth will be helping to mentor them.

June 10th: Ruth's parents leave

June 12th: Ben and Lottie start summer holidays

June 18th: Tai Lyn Gilbert arrives for 2 months—a nurse who will be involved in the water projects health education programme.

July 1st: Skipton Baptist Church Ministry Team arrives. This is a team of 6 led by our good friend Mike Holmes from one of our main supporting churches. They will be here for almost 3 weeks and will work with us in Carabuela and Pichan, a community high up in the mountains close to Chimborazo Volcano.

July 18th: Skipton team leaves

July 22nd: The Cooper family arrive—good friends of ours from Kendal Road Baptist Church in Gloucester. We hope to show them a little of our work and they also have travel plans of their own.

Early August: Adeline McCartney arrives—a working visitor who will be with the Water Projects team for a year. She is from Carey Baptist Church in Reading. She is an engineer and will be supporting the ongoing projects as well as gaining an insight into missions.

August 16th: The Webb family arrives—Ruth's sister and brother-in-law, and Ben and Lottie's cousins—Olly, Ellie and Simon.

August 28th: Ruth starts 6 weeks of part-time Chemistry teaching at Alliance Academy. Ben starts 2nd grade. Lottie starts Kindergarten.

August 30th: Webb family leave.

September: Ruth teaching every morning at Alliance Academy.

October 21st: Mayfield Community Church Harrogate Ministry Team arrives. This is our home church. They will be working on a water project and gaining missions insights as well as bringing a top up of Cadbury's chocolate and Weetabix!

November 3rd: MCC team leaves.

November 13th-27th: Jenny and Julian Harrison come to see us (Martin's parents).

November 28th: Start planning our Home Ministry Assignment in the UK for Summer 2009!!!



Ben, Lottie and their friend Sammy on a snowy Pichincha Volcano above Quito.



Flooded streets in Babahoyo on the coastal plains of Ecuador.



The community of Carabuela gathers at the official start of the project there.