

# ADVENTURES IN MIDDLE EARTH

To every thing there is a season,  
And a time to every purpose under the heaven  
(Ecclesiastes 3:1)

## A Different Season

August, 2012

When I (Scott) was young, I thought history was something written in books. I had little awareness of the passage of time. Now, as an adult, I can reflect on a significant portion of American history. Today is the last page of a book that is being written; in the future I will look back on this page and see it as part of history through which I lived.

This awareness helps me appreciate that my life on earth not only has a beginning and an end, but also different seasons. Right now Jody and I are in a new, very different season. We are in between the “live in a big house, raise our kids, work in Springfield and Eugene” season of the past 30 years and the “live in a small space, the kids are raised, work in Ecuador” season of our future. And we’re not sure how long this in-between season will last because it depends on something mostly beyond our control: raising enough financial support to cover our expenses of going and living in Ecuador.

Hundreds of millions of people in the world not only don’t know Jesus, they don’t know anyone who does know him, and they haven’t heard anything about him. There’s also much poverty and suffering - and Jesus didn’t just preach, he reached out to the masses with a helping hand to show how much his father loved them. We all have a small part to play in God’s grand scheme for the human race and we believe that our part, for our next season, is to help in Ecuador.

But we have to get there first. So Jody and I are trying to focus on the things we can control. That means praying, talking to people, seeking wisdom, and contacting friends to find those who want to partner with us in God’s great commission. We will contact many of you personally and ask for permission to share about our resolve to serve with HCJB Global in Latin America and the ways (financially and otherwise) that you can partner. We don’t have a crystal ball and don’t presume to know whether joining with us is part of your current season, but we won’t know unless we ask. So please have patience with us as we struggle to discern God’s direction and timing.

**May God’s rich blessing be upon you in this season!**

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#### Our Blog

<http://AdventuresInMiddleEarth.com/>



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## What's New?



June 2, 2012

### La Muerte en La Cartuja

Wonderful murder mystery written by our daughter Hope  
Delicious desserts organized by our daughter-in-law, Bethany  
About 70 friends and family members tried to solve the mystery  
Around \$2,000 raised

*"Are you guys leaving soon?"*

*"I thought you'd be gone by now!"*

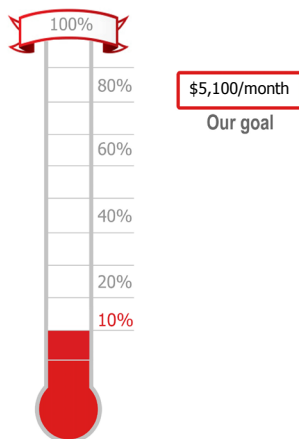
*"When are you leaving?"*

We are still raising the necessary funds for our mission. We must raise 100% of our start-up expenses and have pledges for 100% of our monthly support budget before we can leave.

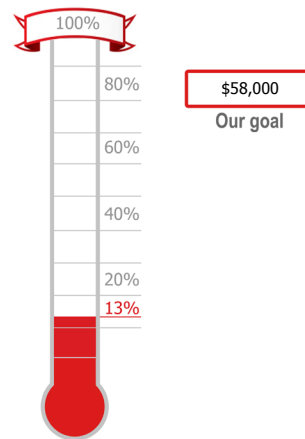
So the best answer is, "God knows."

We were very excited this week to reach 10% of our monthly support. Please keep praying for us.

#### Monthly Support



#### Start-up Expenses



### Recent Blog Posts

#### • Clean Water •

One of the cool things HCJB Global does is help communities gain access to clean water and sanitation.

#### • The Next Reasonable Step •

Over and over, we took "the next reasonable step," even when we couldn't see farther than that step.

#### • Tour de Lopez •

Who drives 15 hours for a four-hour ride? A unicyclist!

#### • Be Thou My Vision •

I was halfway through a long and stressful eye appointment when I realized what I had been humming all day...

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