

ADVENTURES IN MIDDLE EARTH

"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Luke 2:10-12

December 2015

It's December in Quito! This weekend is the celebration of Quito's founding by the Spanish in 1534, next weekend is a three-day Share-a-thon by our radio station, and we have other parties and events leading up to Christmas and New Year's. The weather doesn't feel like Christmas, but the busyness sure does.

2015 has been a great year. Our Spanish is improving (slowly), as is our competency at work. Building friendships with Ecuadoreans is also a slow process. The long-time missionaries here seem to expect that our first three-year term will be spent in training, but it's a surprise to us!

Along with visits from two of our "kids" in May and October, we spent part of November in the U.S., mostly visiting family. We've also traveled and explored Ecuador a bit, busing and often staying in hostels. Sometimes we're three times the age of the young backpackers, but we still have a good time.

One of the year's highlights was Scott's jungle trip to help with a community clean-water project. Check our blog for the story and photos.

God has faithfully provided for us this year, watching over our family and nudging people to donate and pray. In addition, next year our health premiums (and thus our expenses) are dropping over \$400 a month (yay!), which raises our pledged support thermometer quite a bit. As always, you can donate via our web page or mail a check to the address at the bottom of this page. Thank you!

May the joy, hope, and celebration of Christ's coming fill your hearts and homes this Christmas season.

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(Forrest) Scott & Jody Arnold

Daily Life in Quito



Scott unicycling through town



Otovalo Market -
Spoons almost as tall as Jody!



Flour sacks at the grocery store
-- free fabric!



Recommended Monthly Support

\$3,480/month

How to Pray for Us?

Thanks

- God's continued care
- A new 2-year lease on our apartment
- Our donors and pray-ers

Requests

- Improved Spanish
- New friendships
- Blessing on our family, especially a new grandbaby due in February
- Health for Jody's eyes: a retinal problem has emerged to complicate the glaucoma in her bad eye
- Reach Beyond's ministries worldwide: hospital, clinics, water projects, medical caravans, radio stations, and training for national missionaries and pastors

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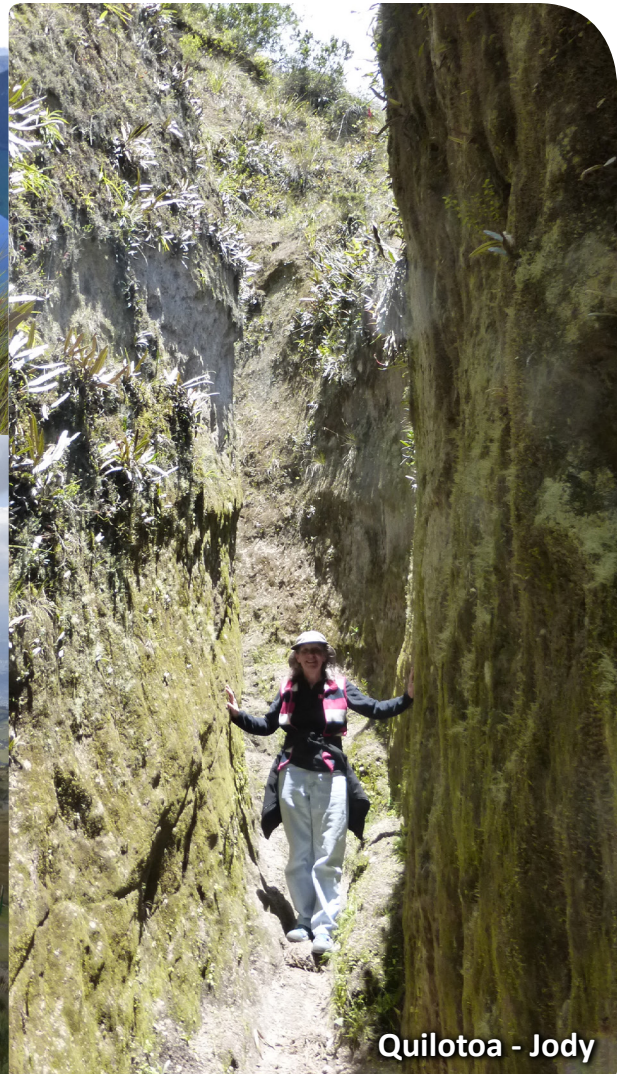




Quilotoa - Scott



Pinchincha - Jody, Scott & Vjera



Quilotoa - Jody



Mindo - Jody & Vjera



Papallacta - Simon & Jody



Pinchincha - Scott



Scott & Jody - All dressed up



Almost all of our family shared an early Thanksgiving meal together