

# ADVENTURES IN MIDDLE EARTH

*"Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'"*

Matthew 9:36-37

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Recently we were asked, "How did you end up as missionaries?" About 15 years ago, one of Scott's bosses came back from a trip to Spain where he helped a mission organization with an audit. His comment that there was a great need for accountants on the mission field was an eye-opener to us. In our minds missionaries were preachers, church planters, or maybe doctors and nurses.

We started dreaming about "going somewhere and doing something for missions," and in His time God led us here to Quito and Reach Beyond.

Have you ever had a dream to go somewhere and do something for missions? Mission organizations need IT people, mechanics, carpenters, painters, secretaries, HR people, counselors, and almost any profession you can imagine.

If God has been nudging you to be one of His workers in His harvest field, we'd love to chat with you about our experience.

Have a very blessed Christmas season celebrating Jesus' journey to earth's mission field.

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## • Praying for Us

Thank God for our supporters, whom He's using to provide for us. We've lost three supporters in the last six months, but God has prompted others to start giving. It's amazing to be on the receiving end of sacrificial giving.

Pray for strength, health, encouragement, grace, and wisdom for us. The next several months will be very busy for Scott, with a new accounting system, year-end accounting, audit preparation, and financial statements. Our region had some big changes this year, and the accounting is even more complicated than usual. Jody's boss is on HMA (furlough) and may take a medical leave and her one co-worker is retiring in February, so she is heading into a busy season too.

## Photos of Our Year •



Scott with our youngest grandchild



Some of our co-workers



Cajas National Park--brrr!



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