

ADVENTURES IN MIDDLE EARTH

October 2020

"Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field."

Matthew 9:38

New Team Members

"Lord, please send more workers." Isn't this probably the prayer of every missionary? It has especially been our prayer as our missionary team has shrunk almost in half during our six years in Quito. (Most of these losses were through retirement, as a lot of us are in our 60's and 70's.)

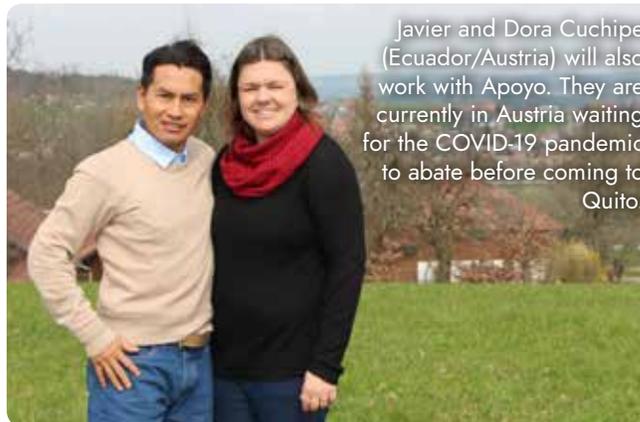
So please rejoice with us for the new team members listed below. It's a multi-national group; we'll put citizenship in parentheses.



Vinicio and Dawn Salazar (Ecuador/U.S.) officially joined our Community Ministries team in Shell last year after three years in a temporary status. Vinicio spearheaded the food ministry in Shell highlighted in our last newsletter. Vinicio grew up in Shell and has many connections in the community.



David and Anita Luzuriaga (Ecuador/Chile) joined our Apoyo team this August, training pastors and strengthening the Latin American church.



Javier and Dora Cuchiye (Ecuador/Austria) will also work with Apoyo. They are currently in Austria waiting for the COVID-19 pandemic to abate before coming to Quito.

Each of these couples have one Ecuadorian; this gives them a head start in their ministry as they already know the language and the culture. We're so thankful for these new workers; please pray for solid financial support for them and God's grace as they navigate ministry in the midst of a pandemic.

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How Are We?

We're doing fine, staying safe and healthy. Despite the pandemic, work has been very busy, especially for Scott. Jody's boss suggested yesterday that Scott train Jody on budget preparation; it's budget time and Scott has too many other pressing duties. Budgeting involves multiple Excel files and relies on programming in a computer language called Visual Basic for Applications (VBA)., along with uploading everything to the accounting system. But Jody is willing to tackle it and we'll start next week.

We're thankful for the technology that lets us work from home when necessary and also lets us connect with far away family and friends. COVID-19 is still very much a problem in Quito, but not so much in our neighborhood. Like the rest of the world, we'll be very glad when this pandemic is in the past.

One plus of the pandemic, though, is beginning a weekly Zoom crossword with most of our kids. Scott has always enjoyed doing crossword puzzles which are now a family tradition. With Zoom, he can share the crossword on his iPad with the various households involved and all can work together. Our record so far is five households; three in Oregon, one in Washington, and one in Ecuador.

Prayers

- **Thank God** for new workers, for continued good health, for modern technology, and for interesting work.
- Please **pray for God's** mercy on Ecuador, the U.S., and the world as COVID-19 continues to rage. Pray also for Oregon, our home state, as thousands recover from devastating loss from recent wildfires.

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