

CHANGE IS COMING!

And it's definitely *here* for the Saavedras!

Since the formation of Apoyo (“support” in Spanish) in 1992 as a joint training ministry of HCJB Global and Leadership Resources International (LRI), we've seen God do remarkable things in the lives of people. We thank God for giving us TNT (Training National Trainers) as a simple but unique leadership development strategy to equip pastors and lay leaders who shepherd God's growing family around the world.



It is believed that approximately 70 million believers make up the evangelical community in Latin America today. And it is now considered a “mission force” with the capacity for making a global impact where the gospel has not been heard before.

In light of this, we were invited to move back to Ecuador and become part of HCJB Global's leadership development endeavor. You can picture us rolling up our sleeves with great excitement and anticipation.

The vision is to see people everywhere transformed in Christ and engaged in the growing church in order to launch reproducing ministries that transform entire nations. We will be able to use what we learned during our years in Apoyo to train the rising new generation of Latin Americans who are now eagerly responding to God's call to “Go and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19).

Our leaders in HCJB Global and LRI agree that this change is strategic. So as of January 1, 2009, we and Apoyo are under the full umbrella of HCJB Global. Though the formal partnership is no longer in effect, both organizations will continue to partner on a project-to-project basis.

This also affects several other HCJB Global-Apoyo families—Mark & Marilyn Papierski (to HCJB Global-Corrientes), Andrés & Elena Ralek (to HCJB Global-Radio), Tim & Onilda Broach (remaining with HCJB Global-Apoyo), and Pablo & Judi Pérez (on loan to LRI-Mexico).

HOME MINISTRY ASSIGNMENT (HMA)

In preparation for moving to Quito in July 2009, HCJB Global is giving us from January through June to take care of some important details. During this time, referred to as Home Ministry Assignment (HMA), we are contacting our friends, family, individual supporters, and churches. If you'd like to get together with us, please feel free to call or write to us (information on second page).

Also on the agenda is to obtain visas, airline tickets and needed equipment, and to prepare our home for rental.

Américo has international commitments coming up: conferences in several cities in Venezuela (*Developing a Heart for Mission*) from February 2-15 and other training opportunities in Quito, Ecuador, from February 28-March 9.

THE FAMILY COLUMN

Together in Quito



The cousins



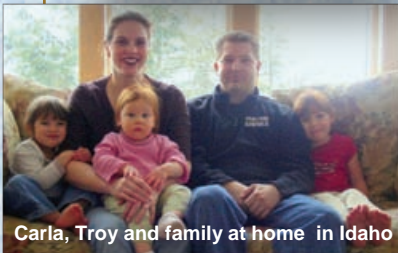
Steve, Jenny and family visiting Compassion children in Ecuador



Los hermanos on top of Mt. Pichincha in Ecuador



Carla, Troy and family at home in Idaho



Creative time with Danielle



PRAY WITH US

Goals for the next six months:

- ◆ Américo finishing required work for two courses on leadership at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
- ◆ Raising \$700 in additional pledged monthly financial support
- ◆ Raising approximately \$5,000 to cover transition expenses: visas, airfare, personal equipment, and set-up in Quito
- ◆ Finding renters for our house in Carol Stream, IL

Imagine the mixture of emotions—sadness at leaving friends and family, and excitement about “going home” to Quito where we spent 23 of our 33 years with HCJB Global. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement that uphold us in the midst of it all.

Serving the King together,

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SUPPORT NEEDS

Thank you for praying with us regarding our current financial needs. Please prayerfully consider the possibility of increasing your support pledge, giving a special gift towards our transition expenses or joining our support team as a new member.

All donations for Américo & Kathy Saavedra or Apoyo should be made payable to HCJB Global and sent to the appropriate address. You may also donate online (www.hcjb.org).

Remember to indicate how you wish your donation to be applied and note the appropriate designated account number. Gifts are tax-deductible.

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KEEPING IN TOUCH with you is important to us. Once we move to Ecuador, sending printed newsletters will be more difficult and costly. So we will be using email as our main means of keeping you up-to-date with our happenings and also learning how you are doing.

If you have not been receiving our email news and would like to do so, please let us know by sending your email response to us at asaav@comcast.net.