



*A glacier-fed lake at the foot of Altar; 29 May 2010*

Dear Friends,

The month of May has been one of wrapping up loose ends and finalizing documentation in order to hand off to others. While it has been sad coming to the end of our time here, it is exciting to see a few things take shape in a form that can be carried on by others.

There were several groups that Matthew enjoyed helping with through the course of the month. A cell-group of young adults from the church we most often attend was one of those. Two other groups were of college-age young people who will be helping run short-term missions teams through the summer, one group for Youth World, the other for Inca-Link. Investing in those who in turn will be investing in others is always rewarding.

The La Red School of Youth Ministry, Level 1 started up mid-May, one of Maria Augusta's last responsibilities. While they weren't sure if there would be any students, seven showed up the first day and there are now eleven students. The school will continue each Saturday until the 19th of June.

This last Monday we had the joy of hosting the El Refugio facilitators for bible study. We talked about how our faces hide or reveal what is in our hearts and left with the challenge of being real with other believers and to ask deeper questions when you sense things aren't alright. We will definitely miss these young people.

Definite plans on our arrival in the US are still on hold until our embassy appointment the 21st though we are hoping for mid-July. Meanwhile, we are doing everything possible to be ready to move when we have the go-ahead. Both of us finished our responsibilities with Youth World this past month and are now trying to prepare our household to be transported to another country. Other activities this month include meeting with friends, a good-bye party or two, doctor and dentist appointments, and trying to spend time with Maria Augusta's family.

Your continued prayers and support are an essential part of our ministry and are greatly appreciated as we go through this transition.

In Christ,

*Matthew and Maria Augusta*



The group of Quito Quest Hosts at the El Refugio tree house. They will host short-term missions teams this summer with Youth World.

Matthew & Maria Augusta are part of Youth World in Quito, Ecuador, an organization comprised of several ministries which exist to identify, teach and equip leaders to impact young people and families to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

Maria Augusta serves with La Red Juvenil which identifies, trains, equips and networks national youth leaders throughout Latin America.

Matthew serves at the Hacienda El Refugio which is a training and retreat center that facilitates a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through nature and outdoor

### Prayer Requests:

- Praise for the 11 students who are part of the La Red School of Youth Ministry. Pray for the six younger students who are beginning in ministry, that God will work deeply in their lives readying them for a lifetime of service. And for the five leaders currently in ministry that God would give them wisdom and understanding on how to reach the youth in their circle of influence.
- Praise for those interning at El Refugio this summer, Jonathon, Dan, Lisa, and Drew. Pray that God would work in and through them, that they would grasp a much larger picture of God and the work of His kingdom in this world.
- For our visa interview the 21st of June, for favor as we hope to receive approval for Maria Augusta's visa that day.
- For the Youth World and El Refugio leadership teams as they try to fill the position of director for El Refugio.
- That we would finish our time here well.
- For the details of our move to the US, including selling household items and our car, finalizing college plans, jobs, and housing. That God would guide our steps.
- For God's provision, peace, and strength as we move through many challenges and transitions in the coming months.

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