



November 2015

# The Kooistra Keepsake

HCJB; Casilla 17-17-691; Quito, Ecuador

## Volcanos and Ash

Life in Quito is full of ups and down, like the beautiful mountains surrounding it. Cotopaxi, a volcano only 30 miles from where we live, is currently active. It has been threatening to erupt for a while, and is letting off ash and steam.



<http://www.dirt-of-fire.com/2015/08/situation-on-cotopaxi-volcano-ecuador.html> Ruiz, 2015

### *View from near our house of the Cotopaxi Volcano 30 miles south of us*

The eruption is categorized as mild to moderate so far. There is magma rising inside the volcano and the fear is that it will cause a larger eruption if the magma continues to push up to the surface.

We are preparing for the possibility of a larger eruption that would darken the sky with ash. Mudflows could also cut off some of the water and power to Quito.

We have canned foods, water, masks for the ash and candles stored up at home. Fortunately our house is not in a danger zone for lava or mudflows.

## Fall on the Equator

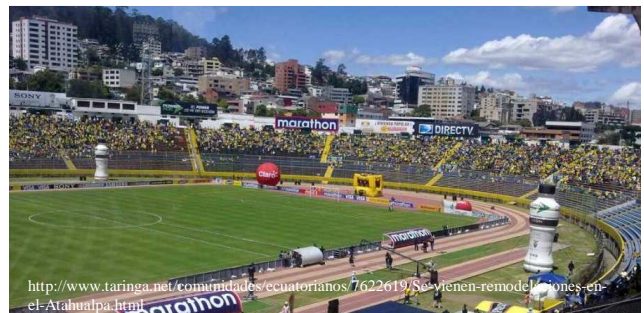
Living on the Equator we do not experience the seasons as people farther north or south do. Fall on the equator means the return of the rains here in Quito. This year the rains have come late and are not very heavy so far.

Fall for us means the beginning of school and time for the first play at Alliance Academy. The fall play this year is Twelve Angry Jurors (Men). Emma is juror number 2 and Jacob is helping backstage and running the lights and sound.

This fall we have also begun two new books, in Spanish, with our Sunday and Monday couples' groups. They are "The Four Seasons of Marriage" and "The Digital Invasion".

Finally, fall means that we are making plans for the radio share-a-thon, Misión Compartida that will be December 11-13.

## Soccer Excitement



<http://www.taringa.net/comunicados/ecuatorianos/7622619/Se-yienen-remodelar-jones-en-el-Atahualpa.html>

The Ecuadorian soccer team is off to a great start in the qualifiers for the next World Cup. They won their first two games, including an away game against Argentina! The soccer stadium is only about one mile from our house and since our house is on a hill we can see it. The day of the home game against Bolivia we could hear the roar from the stadium whenever Ecuador scored a goal.

## Bread People and Purple Juice

In October, many of you think of the harvest, pumpkin pies and apple cider. Here in Ecuador the traditional food at this time of year is guaguas de pan (bread people) and colada morada (purple juice) for the celebration of Día de los Difuntos (Memorial Day).

Bakeries make bread in the shape of little people and fill the bread with jelly, caramel or chocolate. The thick purple juice is made with blackberries, small blueberries, pineapple and various spices. It is usually served hot. We enjoy eating the special bread and enjoy (kind of) drinking the thick juice.



*Colada Morada and Guguas de Pan at a local bakery*



*Our Family 10 years ago (Nov 2005)*

## Support Update

We want to thank all of you who have been a part of our team by praying for us and giving support. Since this summer, we are happy to report, that our average monthly support has increased by \$1000. This is thanks to various one-time and regular gifts we continue to receive.

*Geoff & Tammy*

### How can I join Geoff & Tammy in their mission with Reach Beyond?



- ✓ Pray for us.
- ✓ Write to us and encourage us in our work, even once or twice a year.
- ✓ Use the attached response card to send a financial gift if you have the resources.

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### Response Card for Geoff & Tammy Kooistra

- I will faithfully pray for you daily/weekly
- I will do my best to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ one-time/monthly/yearly to your work with Reach Beyond. (A tax-deductible receipt will be sent. Acct#110436)

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