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"So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith." Galatians 6:9-10



## 2017 is going to be great!

The year started out great. We spent the New Years Day traveling to the World Missions Summit in Houston, TX.

Sometimes you just need a break. This Christmas we were able to be with our families for the first time in three years. After all the family festivities, we were back to work on January 1st. We spent about a week talking and ministering to Chi Alpha students from all over the USA, including Alaska and Hawaii. We were honored to serve the Latin American Caribbean missionary body. As you can see in the picture above, we brought the Amazon jungle to the Houston Convention Center. Of course we had to take a family picture.

We are so excited about this year. We have so much stuff going on. We are starting new ministries in new Quichua communities. There is so much that needs to be done, and we can not do it without you. We appreciate your prayers as well as your financial support. We could not do what we do without it.

Please keep us in your prayers. We fight a spiritual battle daily, whether it is an all out attack or just the smallest emotion that the enemy can use to distract us from our mission in the Highlands. We have remembered that the enemy is a liar, and the word of God is the truth. We are memorizing scripture, and we are defeating him with something that he can not deny.



### Susan

With her friends at church in a Quichua community. They really do love her.



### Kiddos

They love to color and do fun activities on Fridays.



### Teaching

I've been teaching a discipleship class on Sundays.

**“But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world.” 1 John 4:4 (NLT)**

Here’s a quick story about what God is doing in our little community. The people of this community wanted to take 4 meters of land from the pastor and her family for an easement. This easement already existed, but they wanted more. The pastor and her family were very upset about this because they would have to tear down part of their home for this easement. The pastor called me one evening and said that they had just received a call to go to a meeting and that they needed us to pray. In this meeting, the community was going to vote to take the land. We had been teaching and preaching on victory before this day, and I told her we will pray with you as you go in to this meeting. I told her to walk in victory, with your head held high because the Shaman (witch doctor) would be in this meeting. Fast forward to the end, she called me later and said that when they arrived to the meeting place, they walked around the building twice, praying and proclaiming victory before they went in. They also remembered that last summer when Bro. Dane Hall and the Arkansas Youth AIM team were here, we painted this meeting house and covered it with prayer that said that we would have victory in this community. She said that they entered the meeting and the leaders wanted to vote right away. The people in the community just sat there. Usually, they are quick to vote and agree, but this time, they just sat there and said nothing. The leaders began to argue among themselves and became very mad. After the meeting, when they were all outside, the people began to ask the family what they did to them. They were saying things like, “We were ready to vote and agree with the leadership to take your land, but when you and your family entered the community house, we could not move our hands to vote or even open our mouths to speak.” Today, they still have their land, and there is no plan to take it from them. We serve a BIG God!

We have some big things going on here in Otavalo. If you want to help us out in these areas, the project numbers are listed with them.

1. The construction of the Jabez project (women/kids/ training center)- We are starting back in April with the pouring of the second floor. After this, we can begin to finish out the first floor and begin to use it. **Project # 14962**
2. Proclaimer Project- We are still trying to raise money for this audio bible in the Quichua of Imbabura dialect. This is a great need in this area. We are working with Faith Comes by Hearing for this project. **Send money to our work account labeled “Project Proclaimer” #266170**
3. Itineration- We are scheduled to come home for Christmas this year and begin a six month itineration cycle. This will be a very short, busy time for us. *If you are interested in us coming to your church, please let me know because our calendar has already started filling up.*

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