



**FAREWELL TO AAI**

After 7 years of ministry with the [Alliance Academy International](#), this month it was time to say “farewell.” Pictured above are many of the amazing folks that I had the privilege of serving with—sharing a final lunch out together on our last day of work for the school year.

Toby will be continuing to serve as a presenter for the Vista Seminar ministry ([www.vistaseminar.info](http://www.vistaseminar.info)). He’s already looking forward to having the opportunity to reconnect with friends on the campus, and still have a small part in the tremendous ministry of AAI that literally impacts the world!



**A SHORT VACATION**

We wrapped up the school year at [AAI](#) and then enjoyed a couple days of vacation in one of the most beautiful parts of the world not far from our home in Quito in the Andes



not only enjoyed the beautiful landscapes, the quiet of getting out of the city, and some shopping at the indigenous markets (see Emma below) - but in the evening we were



also in a perfect location to view the [Star of Bethlehem](#) (the convergence of Jupiter and Venus). It was absolutely spectacular! A brief but great and memorable vacation!

**THE MOVE**

The day following our vacation by the lake we loaded the moving truck. Then early on the next morning we boarded the short flight to Guayaquil—and a couple hours later we met the truck (which had driven

through the night) at our new home in [Samborondón](#) (a peninsula on the coast of Ecuador). The Lord has blessed us with a



beautiful house that is less than 10 minutes from [Colegio Menor](#) where I am now serving. Our home is located in a gated community, and provides a much safer environment for us all than where we were in Quito. The development also includes a park with a pool and Emma is having a blast!

**EMMA’S FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

Now that we live on the coast, we also are adapting to the South American coastal school calendar which goes from May to February. This also meant that it was time for Emma to begin school. Can you believe it?! Wow! Those years went fast!



**THANK YOU**

Thank you all for your support—especially during this major transition in our lives. We’ll write more next month about our new work and ministry here in Ecuador! - Toby, Tannia, & Emma too!

