

# Aschmann Action

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<sup>25</sup> "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?" <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ...

<sup>32</sup> For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Matthew 6:25-26, 32-33

## Back Home in Ecuador

Praise God that Mission to the World allowed us to return to Ecuador on schedule on August 31. Our children started classes in the missionary school on September 2, so we all got into our full schedule quickly.

## A Sad Note


Three days before our return to Ecuador, we learned that thieves had poisoned our dog and entered our yard here in Quito. They stripped our vehicle of many valuable parts. (It wasn't in an enclosed garage.) It was tough returning to the field without our family pet of 11 years, and without a working vehicle. But God is good. Our number one concern was for our friend who was house-sitting for us. This all happened at night, and she slept through it. The thieves did not try to enter the house, and she was not harmed. Thankfully, we had the vehicle insured. The official from our missionary insurance coop suggested that we use the insurance payment to buy a new vehicle, since most of the parts taken were expensive and difficult to find in Ecuador. So we are car shopping now.

We are also looking for another dog. We have heard that several dogs in our neighborhood have been poisoned before robberies so we are trying to figure out the best way to keep a dog safe, but still use it as a guard dog. Please pray for us about all this.



"Tanking" on the Middle Loup River

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[www.Aschmann.net/Rick/Newsletter](http://www.Aschmann.net/Rick/Newsletter).

Mission to the World allowed us to return to the field because of the many generous one-time gifts people have given over the past year, for which we are very grateful. However, we are still lacking about \$900 per month in monthly pledges, and the mission has asked us to continue to try to raise that amount. If we cannot, we may be required to take a pay cut or return to the U.S. sooner than expected for another Home Ministry Assignment. If you are already planning to give a special gift yearly (or however often you like), please let us know so that we can put it down as a pledge. That will help us stay in Ecuador and dedicate ourselves to the work God has called us to do here. We appreciate your prayers and support so much. Please send pledges or support to:

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## Cultural Closeup

Betty: I found myself explaining various times during our summer visit the difference between houses in Ecuador and in the U.S. We rent a nice four bedroom house with a yard here in Quito. The yard is not nearly as big as a yard in the suburban areas of the U.S., but for here, it is a nice size yard. Our house is on the corner and our yard extends around the corner and is about 18 feet across. Houses here don't have yards that go all the way around the house. Instead, each house usually shares a wall with the houses on either side, leaving no space in between. Many houses have no back yard, and some have no front yard, more like townhouses.

Nearly all the houses in Quito have a wall around the outside of the property, or a fence with bars and spikes, or both. Ours is a wall, and not too tall.

We think the thieves probably jumped the wall to get in, but they would probably have had to open the carport gate from the inside to get the car parts out. Nearly all the houses have bars on the windows and doors, and many have alarm systems.



Our house in Quito. It shares a wall with the house on the right.

## Prayer & Praise

- Praise God that he provided enough support through our faithful friends and churches so that we could return to Ecuador on schedule. We are also praising God that by his special grace and mercy we were able to take more than a week of real vacation at the end of the time, and arrived back in Ecuador less worn out than when we left! We even went “tanking” on a Nebraska river! (See picture.)
- Continue praying for all of the other projects and ministries we are involved in, which were mentioned in our June newsletter:
  - The Central Highland Quichua Old Testament translation, as Daniel and the rest of our team continue working on it, that it would be done quickly and well.
  - The reprinting of the Imbabura Quichua Bible, with minor corrections Segundo and I have been finding over the years, that this can happen soon and be done expeditiously and well.
  - The continued training of the leaders of the Star of Bethlehem church in Paltapamba.
  - The new *Crecer Juntos en Cristo* (Growing Together in Christ) initiative with the Presbyterian churches here in Ecuador.
  - *Paúl Chiriboga* in his ministry in Mondayacu.
- Please pray for Betty as she will be involved in filming, editing and producing various DVDs for the *Crecer Juntos en Cristo* (Growing Together in Christ) initiative.
- Continue praying for our safety in an increasingly crime-ridden city.
- Continue praying for our remaining needed monthly support.