

<sup>29</sup> He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.  
<sup>30</sup> Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;  
<sup>31</sup> but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31 ESV

## Our Crazy Summer

We left Ecuador a few days after Anne graduated from high school at Alliance Academy, and our summer was dedicated to getting her settled into college. Many asked why we needed to be there two full months before classes started just to settle her in, but actually our entire summer was very full. Besides the normal activities of purchasing bedding and other items needed for a dorm room and the normal adjustments of someone starting college for the first time, Anne had many other adjustments, such as:



Zion Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, held a special graduation reception for Anne.

- Visiting the college campus for the first time.
- Setting up a phone service.
- Setting up a checking account and other banking options, and learning how to manage these.
- Finding a diabetes doctor in the area (Endocrinologist).
- Finding a retina specialist for her eye issues.
- Finding a general physician in the area.
- Getting vaccinated for COVID, along with the rest of us. (The vaccines had not been readily available yet in Ecuador, though the availability is a bit better now.)
- Learning to drive from scratch and to maintain a vehicle.
- Learning how to purchase medicines and everything else in a U.S. situation.
- Learning the many, many differences between Ecuadorian culture and U.S. culture (she's still working on that one).

We are so proud of our daughter. Many times she was overwhelmed, but she just kept plugging away and learning the important things she needed to learn. And over and over again, we saw God's faithfulness. He showed himself faithful, among other things, through good friends, wonderful churches, and good health. God made it clear that He was guiding Anne every step of the way.

In addition to Anne's adjustment, we also took a couple of weeks and sorted through the house my (Betty's) Mom and Dad had lived in for the past 50 years. We helped my brother decide how to sell the many things still stored there and what exactly to sell. Praise God for some friends who are selling things for us on estate sales.



Who would have thought that old, well-loved antique toys would be in such demand?

## Update on Anne's Eyes

We asked many of you to pray for Anne's eyes. The eye specialist we saw in Lincoln in July was very concerned that the issues in her eye had not been diagnosed correctly and he wants us to see a specialist at the University of Iowa Clinic in Iowa City before he continues treatment to try to restore eyesight in her left eye. Originally, we were hoping that we could get that appointment before classes started at the university, and we know that many of you were praying that that would happen. But considering our hectic summer, I guess God knew that we needed to settle into school before the appointment. Anyway, Anne is scheduled to see the specialist September 20<sup>th</sup>. We continue to ask for your prayer for the perfect diagnosis, for healing for her eye, and for my (Betty's) travel as I return to Lincoln to take her to Iowa City. (We are thanking the Lord that we found an amazingly inexpensive flight.)



Anne at Concordia University

### Prayer & Praise

- Please pray for complete healing for Anne's eye, and for Betty's travel from and to Ecuador and for the appointment in Iowa City. We know God is in charge and is able to heal.
- Please pray for both Anne's and Nathan's adjustments in school. Nathan is starting school this year in a hybrid system where he actually goes to school every morning and has online classes in the afternoon. This is after a year and a half of online-only classes.
- Thank the Lord for the continued progress of the Old Testament translation project. Please pray that we can keep up the momentum in order to finish as soon as possible.
- Please continue to pray for wisdom as we try to figure out the next steps with the church plant, especially since Ecuador is trying to open up again.

## Update on Ministry

Throughout the summer, our pastor in training, Segundo Anrango, was able to keep up with our Sunday meetings in person. Our little church plant has not had much opportunity to grow through the COVID crisis, but the Quichua families we have been in touch with throughout the entire time are growing in their relationships with the Lord.

Bible translator Daniel Sigla continues to work hard on the Old Testament in the Central Highland Quichua language. He has finished Leviticus in the first draft now, too. The editors are working hard to keep up!



### Cultural Closeup

Well, we got Anne to Concordia University and settled into a dorm room on campus. Upon our return to Quito, we thought about another difference between the U.S. and Latin America: there is not the option to live in a dorm on an Ecuadorian college campus. Students nearly always live at home, and if home is too far away, they find housing with a relative or an apartment somewhere. No meals are provided on campus, nor do they get the "college life" experience that U.S. students do. Many of our Ecuadorian friends can't believe that we just left our daughter at the college!

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