

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.  
<sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

## Anne's Graduation

Well, we are in the U.S. for a few months for some family time. Anne has graduated from college! We can't believe how quickly her 4 years have gone.

We are so proud! Anne graduated with Highest Distinction and won the college mathematics award.

## Missionary Teacher

Thank you so much for praying for God's leading for Anne to find just the right teaching job after graduation.

She has taken a teaching job in Ecuador! She will be moving there in July and teaching middle and high school math at Alliance Academy International, the school she attended for most of her life. It will be great having her back in Ecuador.

Anne had really been interested in doing this all along, but because of the complications of her multiple health issues it seemed like it wouldn't be possible, but now God has worked everything out for her, and has clearly led her to take this job. You can read the whole story in her own words at [sites.google.com/view/anne-aschmann/news-and-prayer-letters](https://sites.google.com/view/anne-aschmann/news-and-prayer-letters). Also, since Anne will be a missionary teacher, she is raising support. If you would like to join her prayer team or partner with her financially, you can see how to do so there.



## Visit to the Cofán Area

I (Rick) was able to make a visit to the Cofán area in April, my first visit. You might wonder, since I have been consulting on the Bible translation project in this language for some three years now, how I could do so without visiting them where they live. But in fact all of the work is actually done online, using special software developed just for Bible translation teams, so it really hasn't been necessary. The few meetings we



Working with some of the Cofán translation team at Ron's house out in the Amazon jungle

did have in person were held in Quito, the capital city where we live. But lately there have been a number of things that Ron Borman, the missionary heading up the project, wanted me to talk through with the entire translation team, and it seemed like a good time to make the visit.

## Prayer & Praise

- Praise God for the great family time we are able to have with Anne and Nathan and other family members on our visit to the U.S. for Anne's graduation from Concordia University.
- Praise God for his clear leading of Anne to teach at Alliance Academy in Quito. Please pray that God would provide all of the support she will need as she prepares to pack up her life and move back there in July.
- Continue praying for Nathan as he enters his junior year of college at Concordia, now on his own without his big sister.
- Continuing praying for the Central Highland Quichua Old Testament translation project and the Cofán Old Testament translation project, that God would continue to bless the efforts of the translation teams.
- Pray for Segundo and Laura as they continue ministering in the northern Ecuador town of San Luis de Pigulca and surrounding areas.



## Cultural Closeup

Several times when we have been getting ready to return to the U.S. for a visit, our Ecuadorian friends have asked us, "Is the place you are going to hot or cold?" They ask this because in Ecuador, places are pretty much always about the same temperature, no matter what time of year it is. Places in the Amazon basin or on the Pacific coast are almost always hot. Places high in the mountains are almost always cold, like some of the Quichua villages we have visited. And in Quito, where we live, at 9,000 feet above sea level, it's springlike all year round.

This is because Ecuador is right on the equator. In fact, the name of the country means "equator". It really has no seasons in the sense of the extreme temperature changes seen in the U.S. or Europe. They do have a "rainy season" and a "dry season", but the temperature doesn't vary much. So no matter the time of year, the temperature in Quito almost never goes above 75 and never gets down to freezing.

So when Ecuadorians say, "Is the place you are going to hot or cold?" it makes sense from their point of view. We have to explain that in Nebraska the summer gets really hot, just like down on the coast in Ecuador, or even hotter, but in the winter it gets really cold, with snow like on the highest mountains in Ecuador. (The highest mountain in Ecuador is over 20,000 feet above sea level, and there are quite a few permanently snow-capped peaks.)

"Wow, it would be hard to live like that!"

"Not really, we just have different clothing for each season." Then we explain central heating and air conditioning. In Quito most houses are not insulated in any way and have no system for either heating or air conditioning. People's bodies adjust to the local climate, so that even in Quito many people go around in shirtsleeves most of the time. Even so, when it drops into the 40's people complain about how terribly cold it is!



Standing with other visitors in front of a giant ceiba tree in the jungle

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