

hacienda of hope



Cristian baptizing his grandfather, assisted by Hugo

A Milestone of Discipleship

So, my son, throw yourself into this work for Christ. Pass on what you heard from me—the whole congregation saying Amen!—to reliable leaders who are competent to teach others. 2 Tim. 2:1-2

Any worthwhile mission seeks to bring about positive changes in the lives of the people it touches. In Ecuador, we are providing homes for the abandoned and educational opportunities that will help them shatter sociological barriers. But it is the Jesus factor that is of greatest importance. The change that matters can only come through knowing him.

That is why we were so excited to learn that one of our first kids, Cristian, baptized his own grandfather. The children and staff had been on a trip to the coast, and on their return made a side trip to look up Cristian's family. His grandfather, advanced in years, studied with Hugo.

At the end of the study, he asked to be baptized and asked if Cristian could do it, resulting in an amazing Kodak moment.

Those who have visited The Hacienda have been blessed to witness Cristian's growth. He has a tender heart, and even though his early education was lacking, has come a long way and can captivate others as he shares his faith.

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Twickenham Youth Group
Plans Trip to Ecuador



2010

Ecuador is a trip the TYM looks forward to every year, and though the date isn't solid, we're looking at the first week in July.

Jesus said that we would always have the poor among us, and one of the lessons that come from His statement is that if we are helping the poor, we constantly have perspective on life. We will want for nothing. We will lean more into the Holy Spirit and His provisions. However, if we lose sight of helping the poor, we lose focus on Jesus and we begin to desire the comforts of this life. – Darren

HOH Prayer List

Pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks

1. For our children

Our kids are blessed now with a happy home, but each carries the scars that led them to us. Pray that God will continue to bless us with children to love who need His touch.

2. For our workers

God has blessed us by putting the right people in the right place at the right time. Thank him for bringing them to us and that he will continue to meet our staffing needs.

3. For our school

God has extended our outreach to even more children through our school. Pray that hearts will be touched with his love and that the kids will excel in learning.

4. For the emerging church

Where two or three are gathered in His name, God is there. People whose lives have been touched by the Hacienda, the school, and the camp are enjoying Christian fellowship.

5. For Ecuador's civic leaders

Though U.S. and Ecuador relationships are not the best, in many ways their government is more appreciative of the efforts of faith based groups than ours. Pray that they will continue to value our work.

HOH Welcomes Southwest

The Southwest church of Christ in Jonesboro, Arkansas has made a commitment to provide a level of financial support for HOH Ministries. Works in Eastern Europe and Africa were also considered, before deciding on Ecuador.

Associate Minister Chris Harrell, a former youth minister at Twickenham, played a key role in introducing Southwest to the work.



New workstations are one of the keys to the HOH School's early success

School Construction Nears Completion

There was plenty of excitement in September when three bus loads of kids pulled on the HOH property. So many parents attended orientation that it had to be held on the soccer field. New facilities are being filled as quickly as we can build them.

It has been an important goal to create a quiet study place for all our students and so we studied this goal. Using carpet instead of ceramic tile was a huge way to accomplish our goal and as a bonus, we could save some construction time and money. This carpet is 100% nylon made at a factory in Quito that creates the exact size to fit the room! It is very durable, soft and accomplished our goal of making the rooms nice and quiet.

Though this wasn't part of our original plan, it is easy to see why God nudged us in this direction. With students coming from as far away as Quito, the school is impacting more of the children of Ecuador than we could have ever imagined, and now, adults as well.



Summer Break

Everyone needs a holiday and we get to share a little of the summer fun enjoyed by the kids. Reed Anderson, one of our own, spent his summer break at HOH as an intern. Having just completed his sophomore year at Auburn, Reed opted to spend his break working

with the HOH school teaching and working with sports programs.

The big fun was the trip to the beach. The crew is now too large to fit in the two vans, so they secured a bus so they could travel together in safety and comfort. The family enjoyed daily devotional time together, as seen in the image to the right.



And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.