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Some of Jadon's friends from all over Ecuador, got together for his graduation, as well!

CHURCH-PLANTING MISSIONARIES

among Andean Kichwa villages in Northern Ecuador

July, 2025

Furlough:

After a series of events that caused us to push back our intended furlough for several months, the time for furlough has finally arrived! We are in the USA; during the next two months, we will be traveling to several of our supporting churches and also visiting several new churches before our return to Ecuador on October 1.

Jadon's Graduation:

Two important things needed to happen before this furlough could take place. First, Jadon needed to finish his homeschool journey. Because of the Lord's help, Jadon's hard work, and Laura's efforts, Jadon has now graduated from high school! He completed all 12 years of school via homeschool, all while living on the mission field. Jadon is truly a special young man, gifted in many ways. He is multicultural in every sense of the word, and his heart for the Lord is bigger than I can describe in words! We know that the Lord will bless Jadon's decisions and his future as he submits to the Lord's plan for his life. While we are stateside, we will be visiting Christian universities and Bible colleges. Please pray that the Lord will guide Jadon's decisions. His plan is to return to Ecuador with us for the time being in October, possibly for one year, until the Lord makes clear the path he should take.



A church in Ecuador gave Jadon a graduation party!

If you have a desire to send Jadon a gift to recognize his graduation, we have a great idea! Jadon desires to start a business of restoring old Apple computers, primarily to help him pay for college (he understands the financial limitations of missionary parents:). Jadon has years of experience with old electronic devices because missionaries tend to make things last as long as possible, especially computers! He has been updating and restoring MacBooks for years for us and for many other missionaries and friends. He even reads books on the topic as a hobby! The one thing he needs help with to get his business off the ground is an inventory of old

MacBooks, both for restoration and for parts. If you have a MacBook of any age that you desire to part with, we know that it would be an incredible blessing to Jadon. Please let us know if you feel led to do this and we can let you know where to send your old Macs.

I can't miss this opportunity to also recognize Laura's incredible sacrifice as a Christ follower, wife, mother, teacher, and missionary. I am amazed more and more every day by her love for the Lord and her tireless work for her family. Our ministry would not exist if it were not for Laura. She has sacrificed more than I can express, and most of her sacrifices are unknown to the world. Only our family and the Lord truly understand all that she does, and we pray for the Lord to richly bless her for all that she does!

New Vehicle:

The second important thing that needed to happen before furlough was that we needed to raise the funds to purchase a vehicle for our travels. Through your generosity, the Lord has provided a beautiful vehicle for our family. To make the blessing of this vehicle even more special, it was originally owned by Laura's childhood pastor, Carlton Cooper. Pastor Cooper owned the vehicle before the Lord called him home. The vehicle was used by his dear widow for several years, then purchased by a another pastor, who now sold it to us! Thank you for your generosity!

Kichwa Ministry Update:

Please keep the Kichwa ministry in your prayers while we are away. All ministries are in the hands of well-trained Kichwa brothers and sisters in Christ. We have only paused our counseling ministries while we are away. Our pastoral training ministry will continue part-time as I lead classes via zoom during our furlough travels. Our furlough will be a very good time of testing for the believers as they "spread their wings" in ministry and fly a little on their own.

Prayer Requests:

Please keep these special requests in your prayers over the next couple of months: 1) Traveling mercies, 2) That we would challenge and encourage the churches we visit regarding missions, 3) Stability and unity among the Kichwa believers, 4) Salvation of Franklin and Jenifer, 5) Spiritual growth in Cristian and David, 6) Provision for our travels (gas, meals, and hotels on the road are expensive!), 7) New supporting churches, 8) Funds to be raised for special projects in Ecuador, 9) Wisdom for Jadon.

New Prayer Cards:

We had new prayer cards printed for our furlough. If you would like us to send you one (or, 100) please let us know!

Thank you so much for your support and your prayers!