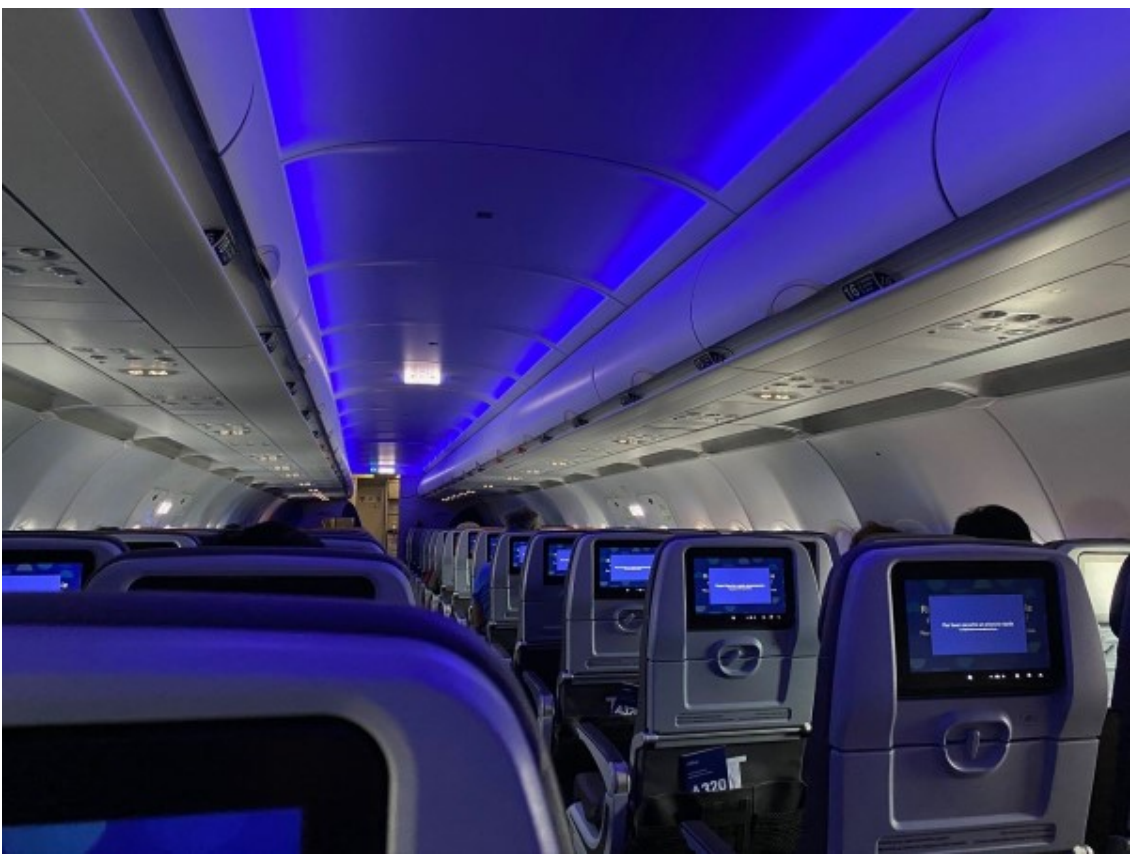




*What's going on in Quito?*

**August 2020**



Hi, everyone. Happy August! I'm writing to you from Quito again. My flights back were uneventful. My international flight was over halfway empty. I presented my negative COVID-19 test results at the airport and made it through the health screening process and customs checkpoint fairly quickly.

As far as restrictions due to COVID-19, things aren't much different than they are in many states in the US. National curfews are still in place, but they are less strict than they were when we left Quito at the end of April. Large social gatherings are not allowed. There are still some driving restrictions, and taxis have dividing walls up that separate the driver from the back seat. Students will likely begin the school year with distance learning. Malls and most

stores are open again, and public buses are running at 30% passenger occupancy.

Anna and Sarah are also back in Ecuador. I finished my 14 day quarantine last Friday (7/31). Sarah and I went to the mall yesterday to have lunch and pay all of the bills we haven't been able to pay since March.

The three of us continue to work from home as much as we can and will soon try to visit some of our friends and church contacts in their homes.









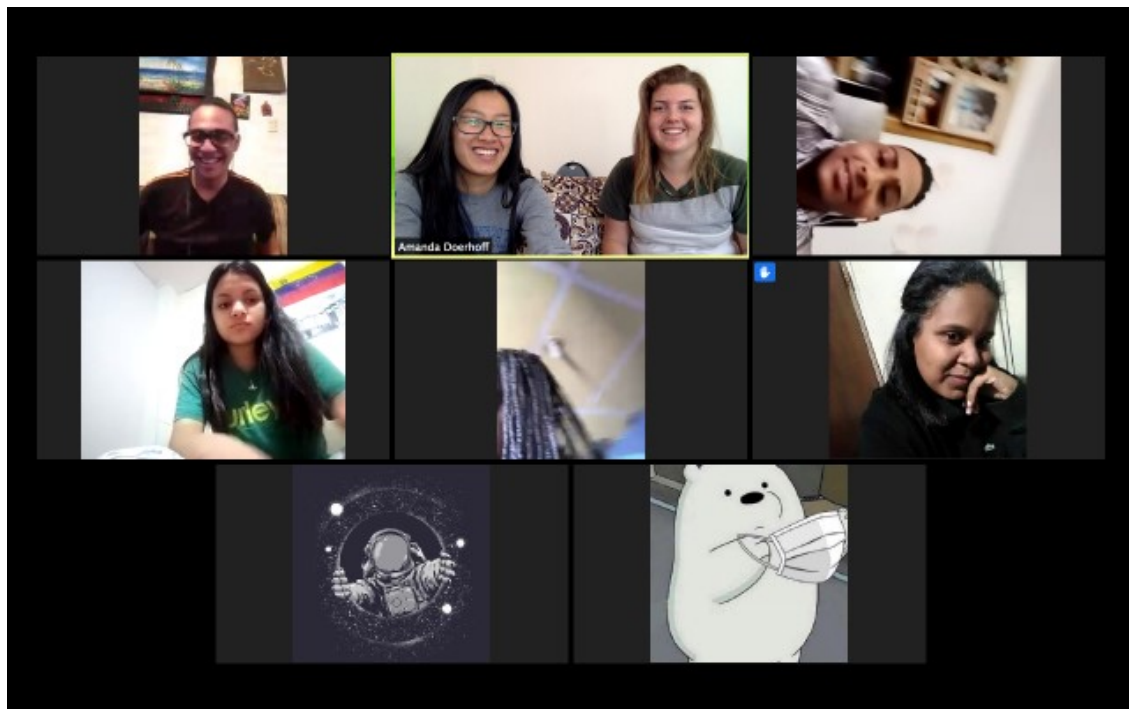
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I talked to Sandy and Ian last week. Ian is 11 months old! He's eating solid foods now and, of course, is as cute as ever.

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Youth group and Sunday school meetings are still happening on Saturday afternoons.

**Top:** Anna put together a little competition to help the kids review what they had learned about the stories of Esther and Joshua.

**Bottom:** Sarah and I played a word scramble game with the youth group last week. We were given a list of letters and had to come up with as many biblical names as possible--yes, in Spanish haha.

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*Just a logistics note for those who are supporting me financially...*

As I mentioned in my last newsletter, my time with Ardeo is drawing to a close. This will be my final month on the mission field. Last week I met with Ardeo's finance manager to talk about closing out my personal support account. *So...what does this mean for you?*

- Donations are scheduled to continue through the end of this month. All recurring donations will be stopped automatically at the end of August. (If you are giving online through Ardeo's website, your giving will be stopped. You don't need to do anything else.)
- If you mail a physical check to Ardeo each month, it will be your responsibility to stop donations after this month. (If a check does happen to slip through, that money will go to my teammate, Sarah. She will be on the mission field for a little bit longer.)

Please let me know if you have any questions! I will be in contact with you all again toward the end of the month.

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I want to say THANK YOU SO MUCH to all of my friends and family members who have supported me over the past two and a half years! There have been many people who have read my newsletters, given financially, committed to praying for my team and our church, and checked in on me on a regular basis. I could not have done this without you! YOU have helped me reach people for Christ! Quito has changed because of YOUR investment. I don't know about you, but I get emotional when I think about that. Thank you!

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I've been thinking a lot about how our church has grown and changed since the beginning of our project. These pictures highlight all of the places we have gathered together as a church. You helped make this possible! Thank you! (And how cool is it that we got to be a part of what the Lord is doing in this city???)



I am thankful for the opportunity to spend time in Quito during this transition period. Please join us in praying for our church members, the leadership team, our pastor, and our disciples who will take over our ministry roles. While I am not looking forward to all of the goodbyes that will be said in the coming weeks, I am excited to see how God will continue to work in the lives of the people we've spent time investing in.

Again, thank you so much for your support and encouragement! I hope you are doing well and staying safe and healthy.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me or reply to this email. I would

love to hear from you and/or see you soon!

-Amanda



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