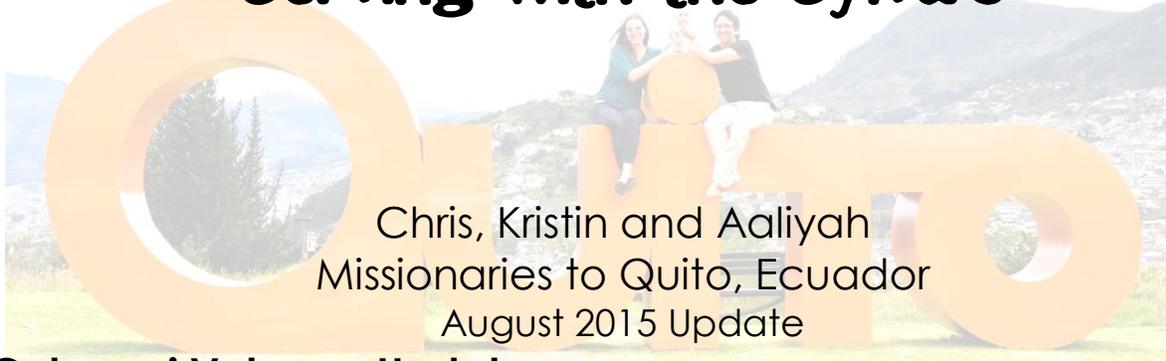


# Serving with the Sylva's



Chris, Kristin and Aaliyah  
Missionaries to Quito, Ecuador  
August 2015 Update

## Cotopaxi Volcano Update



This picture is our daily view lately in Quito- it was shot just down the street from the Alliance Academy. For those who have not heard, Cotopaxi (the tallest active volcano in the world) woke up this month after a 75 year sleep. It has been spewing ash, gasses, and steam for the last several weeks, including 3-5 kilometer high plumes of ash. Aside from some ash fall we have been safe from the

effects of the volcano so far. We want to thank you for your prayers- God has given us safety, extra reassurance, and peace lately.

However many communities around the base of Cotopaxi are struggling. These towns are very poor farming communities and their crops and livestock are being blanketed in gas and ash daily. There are many people (including some of our family members) who are in very real danger if Cotopaxi has an eruption with lava flow or lahars. Please continue to pray for safety for Ecuador, wisdom for leaders and risk officials, and that God would use this challenging situation for His glory.



## Preparing for the 2015-2016 School Year



We spent August preparing for a new school year at AAI! We were able to help welcome new missionary families to the Alliance Academy and Ecuador through providing meals and facilitating their settling process.

We also participated in many meetings to introduce new missionaries to the vision and ministry of AAI, and to reorient returning missionaries. Chris was able to use his skills as a translator to make the messages and devotionals accessible to everyone present- including local missionaries and maintenance staff. We were also able to partake in communion as a school family and dedicate the kids and school year to the Lord.

## The Students Arrive!

The students are finally back at AAI! Kristin has 18 sweet children under her daily care this year. They come from all over the world, including China, Japan, the United States, Ecuador, and Korea, and have very diverse religious backgrounds and home lives. We are asking that you help us to cover these little blessings in prayer this year- pray that the biblical truths they are



surrounded with daily would reach deep into their hearts and take root. If you would like to commit to praying specifically for one of these children by name throughout this school year, please email us.

## About Aaliyah



Aaliyah is growing so fast! She is 8 months old and loves cruising around the furniture and crawling all over! She got her first tooth this month, too!

Aali is transitioning well to days without mom and dad, but please continue to pray that she adjusts well to the new situation.

## Prayer Requests and Praises

### Please pray for:

- \*Safety for Ecuador from Cotopaxi
- \*Divine appointments to minister to the students this year
- \* Kristin's health (currently in treatment for an allergen in our apartment that is causing a lot discomfort)

### Thank the Lord for:

- \* Many new ministry opportunities
- \* Smooth start to the new school year and great relationships already being formed with students