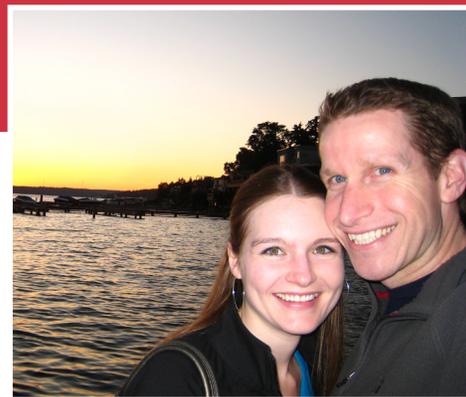


¡Hola queridos amigos y familiares!

(Hello dear friends and family!)

Surprised we're speaking Spanish? Well, there'll be more where that came from! **This August, we'll be moving to Quito, Ecuador to begin a new adventure as missionaries at Alliance Academy International (AAI).** Over the years, we have both had a passion for living and ministering overseas, and now we are thrilled to start this new journey together.



Alliance Academy International is a K-12 school that offers a U.S.-style education within a Christian worldview. The student body is made up of over **600 students from 30 different nationalities – a true snapshot of God's Kingdom!** As staff members, we will have the unique opportunity to help educate these students while sharing and embodying the Gospel of Christ.

The past two years in Seattle have been a rich time of learning, growing, and enjoying life as newlyweds. However, as much as we have relished this season, we've also struggled and prayed through uncertainty about our future plans. We had all but decided to buy a house in the Seattle area when our good friends, the Beckers, told us about staffing needs at AAI, where they minister. After initially brushing the idea aside, **we were struck with an undeniable sense that God was orchestrating something He wanted us to be a part of.** So, with much anticipation, we dove into the lengthy application process and were both offered positions at the school a few

months later. In the roles of teacher and counselor, we will be able to use our unique strengths and passions to make a positive impact on the lives of many students and their families in Ecuador.

While AAI serves students from all walks of life, many come from Ecuador's most powerful and influential families - the very families that also make up one of the country's largest unreached populations. Many of the students who will walk through our doors every morning will likely become leaders of their communities and of their countries. **We pray their relationships with us will invite them to personally encounter Christ, develop a heart for people of all nations,**

A Note from Doug...

I've spent the last decade working as a web developer and programmer, but recently felt God urging me to spend less time at a computer and more time with people. Little did I know what He had in mind...

This September, I'll begin a new career as a high school media/design teacher and am incredibly excited to teach classes on web development, photography, and graphic design. My own love for these subjects began when I was just a teenager, and I'm excited to help my students discover and develop their own creative passions!

It's sure to be a difficult transition, but I'm up for the challenge and am eager to see God's plan unfold.

Facts about Quito

Population:	2.7 million
Pop. Density:	22,000/sq. mi.
Dist. from Equator:	0.63 mi.
Elevation:	9,350 ft.



and pursue a steadfast faith through which to impact the world.

We are humbled by the honor and responsibility of getting to be a part of this work and ask that you would prayerfully consider partnering with us in this mission. In order to live and work in Ecuador, we will need both prayer warriors and financial supporters. As full-time missionaries **we need to raise \$2,000 a month** to supplement the stipend we will receive from AAI, as well as additional funds to cover the initial cost of moving to Ecuador. We also need the support of **people who will commit to praying regularly** for us and for the work we will be doing. You can find more details below and at our website.

God is so faithful, and we're looking forward to sharing more with you in person, through emails, and on our website. We can't tell you how excited we are to begin this journey. **Thank you so much for being a part of our lives!**

A Note from Angela...

Having grown up overseas, primarily in Latin America, the language, people, colors, and richness of the cultures have always made my heart come alive – so I am thrilled to get to live and work there again! What's more, I will be returning to the country where I finished my own final years of high school almost 10 years ago.

At AAI, I will serve as head of the counseling department and work with a team of other counselors to support individual students and their families, lead groups, inspire growth, and walk with kids as they tackle some of the toughest issues in their lives. I also hope to volunteer as a therapist at the Center for Family Support on the school's campus. I'm really looking forward to sharing with you about it along the way!

"I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you my power and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth."

Exodus 9:16

How to Share in Our Journey...

One of the most enriching and humbling parts of missions work is the fact that we can't do it alone! Here are some ways you can partner with us:

Pray for us:

Pray that God would be glorified in this busy season of transition

Pray that our marriage would be strengthened by this experience

Pray for meaningful times with family and friends before we leave

Pray that God would prepare us to love and serve well in Quito

Support us financially:

Commit to giving monthly to help us reach our goal of \$2000/mo for living expenses

Help us transition with a one-time gift towards our moving expenses and set up costs

◆ **To give online**, visit our website at www.dougandangela.com

◆ **To give by mail**, send the enclosed card with a check made out to RCE and our account number (**3990**) on the memo line

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