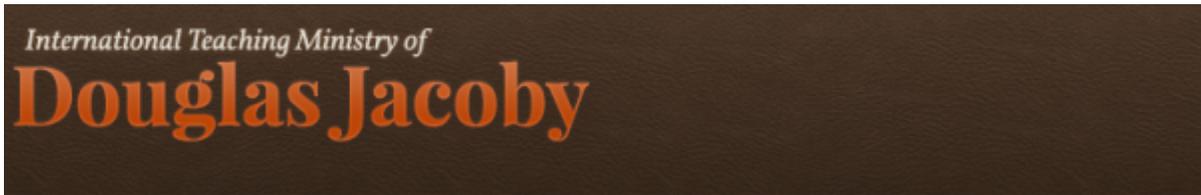


Think About Faith. An Update From Douglas Jacoby.

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Greetings from **Ecuador!** What a thrill to return to the stunning capital city of Quito, perched on the equator at an elevation of some 9300' (almost 3000m)!

While I loved walking through old Quito, so rich with history (early 1500s), and sampling the local cuisine with friends here and in **Colombia** (Bogotá and Medellín), the real reason I'm in South America is to teach: to bring seekers to faith and to help believers continue to seek.



Old town Quito (Ecuador)



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Armando Portalanza, Quito



Sunday in Bogotá



Jorge Rodriguez (mi traductor)



The Rocha family (Medellin)

Earlier in the month, I was privileged to interact with a group of Bible teachers in Lexington MA, as well as to speak at Harvard University, on a somewhat controversial theme, "Jesus Christ: Prince of Peace or God of War?" It was an attentive and energetic crowd, to say the least!

A few days later I flew to Baltimore for the [EPS Apologetics Seminar](#). That weekend I had the honor of preaching at an "All-Maryland" church service (Annapolis, Baltimore, and the DC area) -- really, a 1000-strong family reunion! What a joy to reconnect, even if briefly, with brothers and sisters who opened their lives to us during our 10 years in the DC area. "...Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well" (1 Thessalonians 2:8).

In Colombia, Ecuador, and around the world, people frequently remind us that the teaching ministry has played a key role in their faith -- sometimes just giving them perspective in difficult times. This makes it all feel worthwhile! Thank you for letting us know.



Harvard University (founded 1636)

FRESH MATERIAL

Although I'm fortunate to minister globally (25 nations in 2013), a good chunk of my teaching is actually done online or at home in Atlanta. New lessons include the final installments in the Psalms series, 18 in all (Jacoby and Monje), as well as the first 3 in a series of 5 on *How the Bible Came to Be*, which I'm teaching at North River (our home congregation). Please check out [the recordings](#). Perhaps they'll be helpful in your outreach.

Once I return from South America, I plan to record 10 or 12 podcasts around the uplifting theme CHRIST THROUGH THE AGES. These are aimed to help us begin the New Year with our eyes on the Lord (Heb 3:1). Look for details in the next newsletter.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Later this month we're in **Chicago** for a family wedding. I'll also introduce the film [Blood Brother](#), which benefits AIDS orphans in Chennai, a massive city in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu. The award-winning film is sure to soften the hardest heart

(especially in a communion service). Rocky Braat, a pioneering brother who's the original driving force behind this ministry, is a friend I greatly admire.



Rocky Braat & AIDS orphans

2014 already has many adventures in store, for example, training Latin American leaders in **Miami**, teaching in **Anchorage**, a leadership conference in [Singapore](#), and the annual Biblical Study Tour in **Rome & Pompeii**.

I also hope to rewrite *Genesis, Science & History*, as well as to publish a slim volume on getting back on track with God through the Psalms. Yet I realize that time and resources are limited, and so I solicit your prayers for His wisdom and guidance.

GRATITUDE

Special thanks to our financial supporters, who make this ministry possible. If anyone would care to make an end-of-year donation, please keep in mind that your gifts underwrite half of the ministry, including all our work in the developing world. My colleagues and I are certainly grateful.

For now, *!Adios!*

Douglas

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