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Where does Cristo

Vive operate:

Houston, TX

RGV, TX

Harpster, ID

Soldotna, AK

**Cuenca, Guayaquil &
Quito, Ecuador**

Wonders of God's Creation

Hello our dear friends:

Oh, what a wonderful world. At this writing, I am resting while looking through the window of a train car traveling from Virginia to New York. God's amazing creation easily awes me. I am also enamored with many of the things that man has built; which could only be so because of the handiwork of such an amazing God which placed in us His own reflection and creativity.

Oh, the wonders of our creator's excellence from rivers, forests, mountains, seas, and people, that will only be better when we reach our destination in heaven with Him!

The ministry is abundant with fulfillment and promise as we experience the work God has called us to. While we are traveling we have been afforded the oppor-



tunity to share the work that God has blessed us to do with a couple of churches. To encourage them as they too reach out to do God's plan for them, to grow where they are, and share God's love to their neighbors.

Dancing Before the Lord

This month we celebrate the homecoming of a great dear friend of ours in Ecuador. His name is Alejandro. Alejandro is 14 years old. We got to meet him when he was 7 years old when he first came to camp in Playas, Ecuador. He stole the hearts of everyone who

came by his side during the times he joined us at camps. Early this month, Alejandro took a huge step and joined Jesus in God's holy presence. Yes, we will miss him dearly being with us but we are so blessed by his joy of knowing Jesus while we have known him. "Our hats are off to you,

Alejandro as you now can step out and dance, run, shout, and sing like no one else can." As you read this note, please join us and pray for his "Grand momma", as she is missing him so terribly. She has loved him richly through his short years of life.

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Mission of CVI

To provide children and youth with disabilities and their families an opportunity to experience the love of God and faith in Christ through a fun and engaging camp experience.

Vision of CVI

To create opportunities which will inspire participants to respond to the message of God's love and delight in them and lead them to a genuine experience with Jesus as Lord and Savior.

We are looking forward to the upcoming months as camps begin to take shape. Please be praying as site leaders and teams work hard to recruit and prepare to serve the kids that look forward to a great camp experience. We are scheduled to serve in Harpster, Idaho for the camp there in August. As you search for ways to participate with us in God's desire to love on His kids, we encourage you to do a bit extra financially to help us increase the opportunity for those who have never come before.

PERU 2018

Steps are beginning to take shape and move forward and doors are opening for Cristo Vive International to open up a camp in Peru during the month of June 2018. Please be in prayer for what God would have you do to help start this new ministry along side of us. We are excited and hope and pray that you will be too!

Summer Continues for a While Longer



Gene's daughters with Osito and one of the grandsons.

Our family vacation is not over yet and we have been having a blast! In the mountains of NW North Carolina, we wore out the French Broad River as we tubed and then all came safely to our landing after nearly 3 hours of being in the water. Also, Osito went on a mining adventure and dug up a rock that turned out to be a beautiful geodesic stone, which when it was cut in half proved to

be a glistening crystal formation. He said that was his highlight of the trip so far. Time together with 24 of Gene's children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren has been such an awesome blessing. It seems like despite the temperature shock of landing in Virginia and then going south from there, versus the nice weather in Alaska when we departed, that we have done okay so far.

May God's richness flood your days, carry you through your storms, lift you over your lows, and rise you up to fulfill your best. We love you and truly look forward to hearing from you on any occasion. May God's face shine upon you and grant you peace.

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