

charity fund helping to meet Ecuadorians' healthcare needs

Little Jhony (Johnny) Chuin Vargas is getting fat.

The bane of many, weight gain is blessed news for Jhony. At 4 months old, his plumpness connotes health despite the odds formerly against him. He began life in Ecuador's Amazon rainforest with a brain/facial malformation called *frontonasal encephalocele*.

Jhony needed medical attention, but the geographic barriers to care were only outdistanced by what seemed like economic impossibilities. That's where Patti Sue Arnold and the Love Fund at Hospital Vozandes-Quito (HVQ) were used by God to divert Jhony's life from pain to gain.

His Achuar parents, having few economic resources, took him to *Casa de Fe* (House of Faith) in the jungle town of Shell. He was then referred to HCJB Global Hands' Hospital Vozandes-Shell and finally taken to HVQ for an operation by neurosurgeon Dr. Hugo Velasco. The hospital's *Fondo de Amor* (Love Fund) paid \$2,668 of his nearly \$9,000 bill.

"He's doing great [and gaining weight]," Arnold said. "I have a therapist who comes two days a week and he says as far as he can see his development is that of a normal 4-month-old."

Jhony's case represents tens of thousands of patients helped with outpatient or hospitalization costs. The concept dates back to 1949 when Canadian physician Dr. Paul Roberts envisioned a full-service hospital to serve Ecuadorians of all social classes, regardless of their ability to pay. In fiscal year 2007-2008 alone, the fund helped 8,014 HVQ patients with \$323,451.

The cost of private healthcare is prohibitive for the average Ecuadorian. Many rely on the country's social security system or government hospitals, but the realities can be harsh and stark. A mid-2006 editorial in the Quito newspaper, *El Comercio*, spoke of "reluctance—even fear" of going for care at a government hospital. That same year, Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa campaigned on healthcare improvements as part of his platform.

At HVQ a young man ducks his head into the small office to the side of the information desk and asks for help with a pharmacy bill. "I used to sell people coffee to drink, but then my thermoses got stolen," he said. In the tough Quito neighborhood of El Camal, his family of six needs money to fill the prescription, plus some used clothes.

Social workers Zonnia Robalino and Kely Cadena approved his request, sending him to the pharmacy with a note. It's a



Working visitor Dawnella McGee cheers up Jhony after he recently underwent surgery at Hospital Vozandes-Quito brain/facial malformation. Left untreated, the problem could have led to a serious infection.

tough job for them and co-worker Margot Soria, hearing the pleas, reading the faces and issuing funds for outpatient care. "We need to play 'Sherlock Holmes' sometimes [checking out patients' stories]," Robalino says with a smile.

Financial help, used clothing and a small room to stay overnight at the back of the hospital—all offered by social workers to patients in need. Many are also referred to the hospital's weekly health fair. When it comes to more expensive surgeries, a committee reviews applications for the funds and determines how patients are helped financially.

"The physician is key to helping us know how much longer a patient's hospitalization will last and when, and if, a transfer to another hospital is possible," Robalino said. "God gave us and continues to give us this responsibility. It's God's money and we answer to Him. We need wisdom in directing and administrating this fund."

That same balancing blend of responsibility and fulfillment is expressed by HVQ Financial Director Geovanny Suintax. "This is a great blessing—the greatest in my job," he said, adding that while "each case is really painful, we've been a part of the gospel" in helping people. A percentage of the physicians' fees on HVQ-generated cases goes to the *Fondo de Amor* while those physicians may also bring in patients from their private practices, according to Suintax.

Now recovering at *Casa de Fe*, Jhony is seen twice a week by a therapist. "While his father remained in the jungle, Arnold said that "the mother and uncle were very excited to see how well he was doing."

"Achuar don't smile in photos," she added. "But they cried tears of joy when we told them he didn't need a shunt and should develop normally."



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Polish-speaking listener, Poland: "It's extremely difficult to forgive my husband for his unfaithfulness. Please help me. There is no memory of the last time I went to church or talked to God. I have never spoken directly to Him. Now I feel God speaking to me through your website. I feel He wants to bring me close to Him, and that makes me apprehensive. I truly want to change, commit myself fully to Him and trust in His guidance."

Quichua-speaking listener, Ecuador: "I have been listening to your Quichua broadcasts for 40 years. For me, all the programs are very edifying, especially 'Women of Hope' and 'Thru the Bible.' I would like you to implement these programs in messages of leadership and discipleship. Thank you."

Student, Radio School of Mission, Singapore: "I now see my responsibility as the manager of a Christian radio station in a brand-new light. The topics covered in the workshop were very relevant to my responsibility as station manager."

Spanish-speaking student, Christian Academy of the Air, U.S.: "I want to thank you for sending me the first course on 'The Life of Christ' and for offering me a scholarship to study. I had been asking the Lord to open a door so I could study His Word more deeply and graduate from the academy. My prayers have been answered. God always listens when my heart seeks after Him. The courses are excellent!"

Arabic-speaking listener, Jordan: "A member of a Muslim family listens to your programs. She wanted to meet with someone to discuss spiritual things, and we were able to arrange that for her. She's so happy and grateful and very open to teaching."

English-speaking listener, Fiji: "I'd like to thank your ministry for your kind offer [of a solar-powered radio]. It helps me grow in my spiritual life more and more when I listen to all the men of God sharing God's Word on the radio."

Oromo-speaking listener, Ethiopia: "Your radio ministry is performing a lot of miraculous things in our communities. God has placed you there for such a time as this."

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Turn the Radios On campaign makes worldwide impact

In the past eight years, Christian radio stations across the U.S. have partnered with HCJB Global to send fixed-tuned, solar-powered radios to more than 27,000 recipients worldwide.

About 12,000 of these have been SonSet® radios developed at the HCJB Global Technology Center in Elkhart, Ind. Money for the radios is raised through a campaign dubbed “Turn the Radios On” (TRO). The special radios are digitally tuned to pick up only signals from local Christian radio stations.

“These radios go to prisoners, people in remote areas who don’t have access to electricity, and poor people who can’t afford radios or the batteries to operate them,” explains Heide Jones, the mission’s station relations director. “They’re a great thing to



Carol Kerk (front) and Sarah Good test SonSet® radios at the HCJB Global Technology Center in Elkhart, Ind., in preparation for shipment to potential listeners around the world. The radios were designed at the center and manufactured in China.

give to people who’ve never heard the gospel. If they listen, all they’ll hear is programming on their local stations.”

“It’s almost like sending a missionary into a community,” she explained, noting that the \$35 radios last 10 years. “That works out to less than a penny a day for the life of the radio! They’re small, and the carrying strap is actually the antenna so people can sling it around their necks and listen while they’re working in the fields or going about their business.”

In August, KPOF in Denver broadcast live at the HCJB Global Ministry Service Center in Colorado Springs, raising enough pledges for more than 1,000 radios that are being sent to Cambodia.

Staff members of another station, WBFJ in Winston-Salem, N.C., along with Steve Hodgson, HCJB Global’s executive director of advancement, hand delivered 600 radios to Lesotho in March. This spring the station raised pledges for an additional 411 radios for Lesotho, a small country surrounded by South Africa.

Scott Herrold, program director of the SOS Radio Network based in Las Vegas, Nev., said listeners pledged funds for some 1,000 radios after meeting its two-day spring fundraising goal after the first day.

“By noon of the second day our listeners had also funded the special project we had designated. Then we decided to raise money for SonSet® radios. It was sort of a last-minute thing, but God really provided.” The sets will go to northern Guatemala and southern Mexico where signals from Radio Impacto in La Mesilla, Guatemala, reach both sides of the border.

This year, spurred by a significant matching grant from a Christian foundation, local churches joined Christian radio stations in the TRO effort, using a special vacation Bible school (VBS) program produced by Go Fish, an a cappella music group.

“This summer 15 churches raised money for 309 radios through their VBS missions projects,” Jones explained. One of those was Calvary Church in Roseville, Minn.

Christy Becher, the church’s elementary kids ministry director, said the 300 children quickly latched onto the program. “They were intrigued by the gadgetry and the solar-power technology of the radios,” she related. “Leaders and parents were glad to support a project that would directly take the gospel to people who don’t know Christ.



Handing out SonSet® radios in Honduras.

Each year we choose a missions project with a tangible item for kids to purchase. The SonSet® radios motivated them to give more generously than ever before. Many kids set up lemonade stands and held car washes to raise money. We’re excited about the eternal ripple effects this project will have!”

Including matching gifts from two members of the congregation, the Calvary VBS raised enough funds to buy 100 radios. Overall, this year’s TRO campaigns raised funds to provide more than 3,000 radios with another two campaigns still in process.

Use of the handy radios is resulting in changed lives. Recently a set was given to a poor non-Christian man from Haiti. His wife was dying, and he gave most of his possessions to the local witchdoctor to heal her. She still died, but the man began listening to his radio. Soon he became a believer and gave his fixed-tuned radio to the witchdoctor who also gave his life to the Lord. The witchdoctor had 13 children, and 12 of them—along with his wife—made decisions for Christ!

“With people hearing stories like this, it’s been hard to keep up with the orders,” Jones said. “We order between 5,000 and 10,000 radios a year, but the requests keep coming in.”

“Our goal is to raise money to send out another 10,000 radios in the next year which is only 10 percent of what is needed out there,” she continued. “Uganda alone wants 50,000 radios! Next year we are again partnering with Go Fish’s VBS program, expecting even greater things in 2010!”

Interested churches and radio stations are invited to contact Heide Jones or Kate Elliott at 1.800.360.4252 or visit turntheradios.org.

Partner Ministry in U.S.	Radios Pledged in 2009	Destination Countries
89 Q, Wisconsin	26	Unspecified
SOS Network, Nevada	819	Guatemala, Mexico
KPOF, Colorado	1,052	Cambodia
MCBI, Minnesota	186	Guatemala
Mars Hill, New York	150	Unspecified
WBFJ, North Carolina	411	Lesotho
KBHL, Minnesota	97	Unspecified
WFCJ, Ohio	In progress	Unspecified
WAFG, Florida	In progress	Unspecified
15 churches (Go Fish VBS programs)	309	Unspecified

HCJB Global Highlights of 2009

NORTH AMERICA

- The HCJB Global Technology Center in Elkhart, Ind., assisted 143 radio ministries in 73 countries around the world.
- Turn the Radios On campaigns with 24 U.S. radio stations and churches raised pledges to buy more than 3,000 solar-powered, fixed-tuned SonSet® radios to be sent worldwide.
- The first Voice and Hands contest was held with 10 winners each getting \$200 and Flip video cameras to document their summer mission trips. Visit www.hcjbglobal.org/contest.
- The redesigned website, www.hcjb.org, launched in September.
- Wayne Pederson was inaugurated as HCJB Global president.

ASIA PACIFIC

- Two FM stations went on the air with partners in Nepal. Partners have requested three more stations.
- The number of partner radio outlets in Indonesia increased to 34.
- Staff members from 12 radio ministries attended the annual Radio School of Mission in Singapore.
- The Spotlight Listeners’ Club concept of teaching ESL launched in Thailand.
- Broadcasts from a partner station in Tonga helped spark a revival in the island nation.



EURO-ASIA

- Slovakia’s first evangelical station in Banská Bystrica went on the air.
- Special training of trainers, led by HCJB Global-UK, was held for staff members at the nine-station Radio Voice of the Gospel network in Romania.
- HCJB Global-UK redesigned its free audio online site.
- David Uhles became regional director on Oct. 1.

NORTH AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST

- Paid airtime on two shortwave transmitters delivered a powerful signal across North Africa with programs in Arabic, Tachelhit, Hassaniya and Pulaar.
- HCJB Global staff members helped train radio production teams in the region.
- An estimated 1 million households tuned in weekly to broadcasts sent via satellite, shortwave, local stations and online.

LATIN AMERICA

- Corrientes, a coalition of ministries led by HCJB Global to train Latin Americans for bi-vocational missionary work, launched on Oct. 3.
- While 56 years of shortwave broadcasting from Pifo, Ecuador, ended, the mission refocused its efforts on satellite networks, local radio and Internet, production and distribution, radio planting and radio training. Shortwave continues from other locations.
- German and Low German broadcasts were reorganized in a new cooperating ministry called Vozandes Media. Regional Spanish broadcasts and indigenous shortwave broadcasts continue under the umbrella of Vozandes Media.
- HCJB Global Hands ministries touched the lives of more than 275,000 Ecuadorians.
- 254 Latin American communicators were trained in 10 cities in seven countries.
- Apoyo, a pastoral training ministry that touched 3,000 church leaders in 2009, relocated to Quito.
- 300 attended a “FamilyLife Today” conference in Quito.
- 20 percent of the region’s radio budget now comes from the support of local donors in Latin America.
- The total number of graduates in the Christian Center of Communications reached 164.



SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

- Staff worked with partner Theovision to install a water well in Hateka, Ghana, and to launch a mobile medical clinic outreach.
- Ecuadorian medical staff members again helped fill the gaps at Pioneer Christian Hospital in Republic of Congo.
- Togo’s Radio Reveil returned to the air with help from HCJB Global engineers from Elkhart.
- Project Manager Jeremy Maller gave technical support to partner ministries in Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Guinea and Burkina Faso.
- Dr. Jerry Koleski and family moved to Malawi to help at the Partners in Hope HIV/AIDS clinic.
- Staff planned and participated in the first Africa by Radio Continental Convention in Johannesburg, South Africa.



Wayne & Norma Pederson

Nov. 1, 8 Calvary Church Missions Conference—St. Paul, MN
Nov. 11-24 South Pacific Vision Journey

Jim & Trish Allen

Nov. 8 First Baptist Church—Goshen, IN
Nov. 9-13 Mini-Bible Conference, HCJB Global Technology Center—Elkhart, IN
Nov. 11 Sugar Grove Church—Goshen, IN

Ron & Barb Cline

Nov. 1-4 Immanuel Church—Holland, MI
Nov. 5-9 Central Wesleyan Church—Holland, MI
Jan. 10-17 Christian Motorsports International Retreat—Waxahachie, TX
For more information call Sarah Finley at 719.388.2209.

John Rush, Canada

Nov. 7-8 Missions Conference, Faithway Baptist Church—Woodstock, ON
Nov. 1, 15, 22, 29 Waverley Road Baptist Church—Toronto, ON

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Double Your CD Return

* Valerie, a retiree, has been a “saver” all of her life, prompting her to acquire a number of certificates of deposit (CDs). But in recent years the return on her CDs has declined significantly. She researched other rates, but none would give her a better return. Then she talked to a friend at church who had set up a Charitable Gift Annuity at HCJB Global.

Valerie called the mission and was pleased to discover that, based on her age of 73, an annuity would pay 6% interest, double the rate she was getting for her CDs. After finding out how easy it is to set up an annuity, she transferred \$10,000 from a CD that had matured to a Charitable Gift Annuity. She was also pleased to find she’ll save more than \$4,200 in taxes this year. More importantly, the annuity gave her the opportunity to support the ministries of HCJB Global.

** Fictitious name used to protect the donor’s privacy.*

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