

Merry Christmas!

After spending most of 2007 and 2008, I told my family that I was not coming to the U.S. in 2009. So, I don't have recent photos of my grandchildren to share. All six seem to be doing well and growing fast. Ray just turned 14; Dean is 10; Frankie (my only grand-daughter) is 8; and Billy is 5. Their parents are Tim and Cristi and they are the Atlanta Lumbs. Oliver is 3 and Arlo had his first birthday in July. Their parents are Jeff and Glee and they live in Portland, Oregon. I'm very proud of all 10 --- the children and their parents!



Galapagos!
(photo by Rolene Walker)



Rolene Walker

But I didn't stay home all year. Instead I headed south for the month of June in Ecuador. I went to support my friend and fellow Quaker, Rolene Walker, who was on a pilgrimage from San Diego, California, and Santiago, Chile, called "Walk with Earth." It was my privilege to be with her as she spoke to students and young people wherever we went. She asked them to do three things: 1) Plant 10 trees; 2) Give up using gasoline within 10 years; and 3) Pray for Earth for 10 minutes every Sunday. Then we took the last week off and went to the Galapagos.

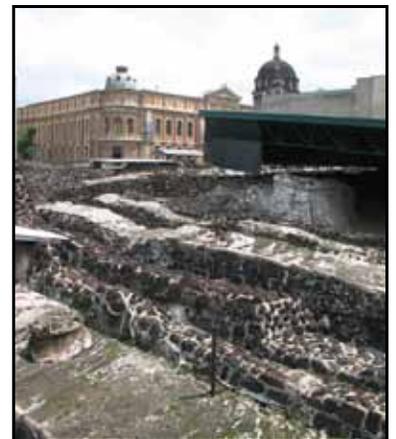


Blue-footed Booby



Ecology Class at Espiritu Sanctu Universidad in Guayaquil, Ecuador

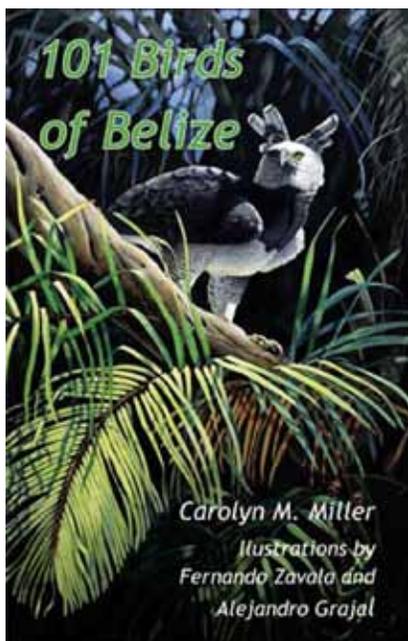
September found me supporting another friend, Mary Gilbert, who represents Quaker Earthcare Witness at the United Nations. We traveled to Mexico City for a UN meeting. We are in the upper left of the group photo. At the far right is Tres Culturas: the modern in the upper left, a colonial church tower, and an ancient Teouatecan site in the foreground.



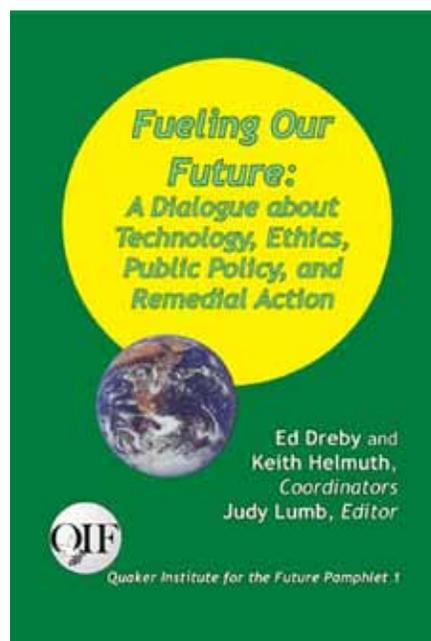


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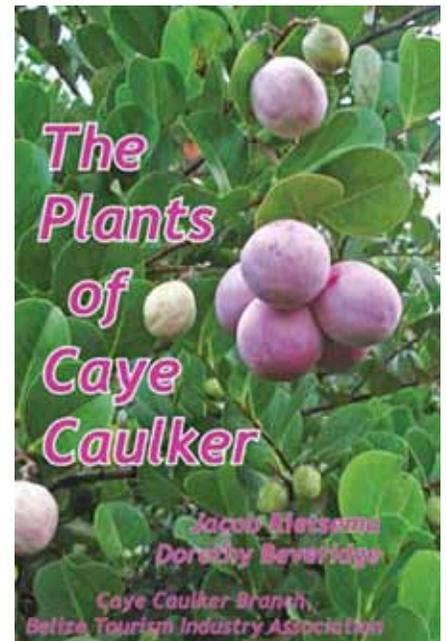
My big news is that I have incorporated *Producciones de la Hamaca* as a non-profit, non-governmental organization (NGO) devoted solely to publishing. I have an Editorial Board in Belize and a Support Committee in Atlanta. The advent of on-demand printing has made many projects feasible. Three books were published this year and another is out in preliminary review copies:



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