



### SIGNS AND WONDERS DURING 45 YEARS

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*Dedication of HCJB's 100 kw Xmtrs.*

It's exciting to review the 45 years of HCJB's history. We say that, not because we have done great things, but because we have seen God's hand upon HCJB. Consequently we have witnessed one of the great breakthroughs of this century – missionary radio which spans the globe.

In the early church right after Pentecost the believers prayed that God would work signs and wonders in Jesus' name. The Lord answered their prayer. In the 20th century God has also performed signs and wonders at HCJB.

THE SIGN AND WONDER OF A CONTRACT FOR BROADCASTING.

The co-founders of HCJB made a large appeal. They asked Ecuador for a long-term contract to establish a cultural and religious broadcasting station. There were many obstacles. Yet, very quickly, they had in their hands a 25-year contract. They knew and we know that God made this sign and wonder possible.

The intervening years tell a continuing story of God's blessing. Relations with the Ecuadorian government have been excellent. HCJB appreciates the hospitable and helpful attitude which has characterized the Ecuadorian authorities and people. In it all we see the hand of God – and we are grateful.

The lesson to all of us is clear. God can do the difficult, the impossible. Nothing is too hard for God in individual lives or with institutions.

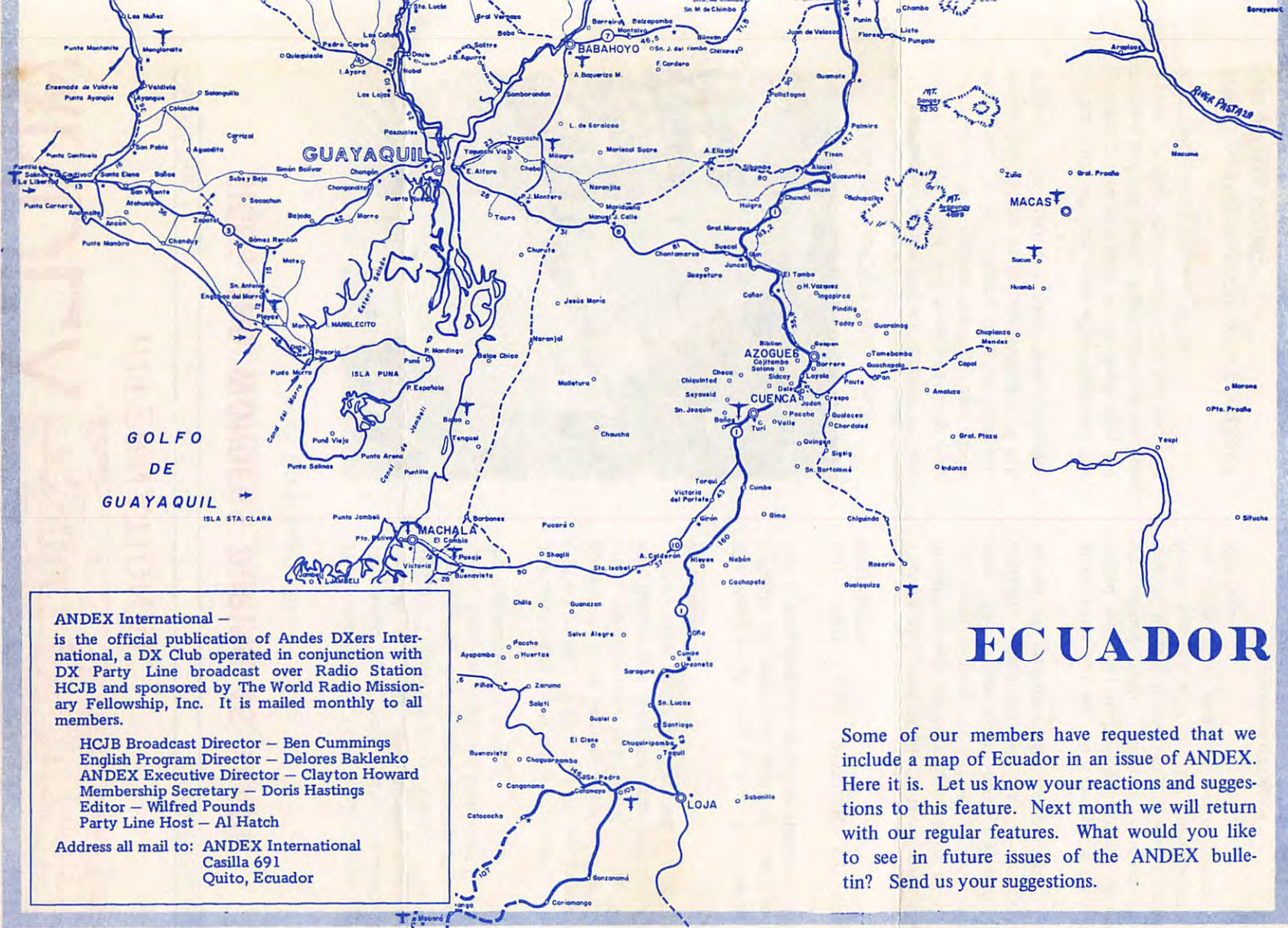
THE SIGN AND WONDER OF GOD'S PROVISION.

Through the years HCJB has faced many needs. Sometimes they involved finances; we didn't see an answer. Or we had difficult personnel shortages. Then other special needs appeared. Repeatedly – over and over again – we saw God answer. He performed signs and wonders.

Some years ago we had a desperate need connected with our hydroelectric plant. A major part needed repair. The only solution seemed that of sending it back to the manufacturer in North America with the sad consequence that the hydro plant would be out of service for a long time.

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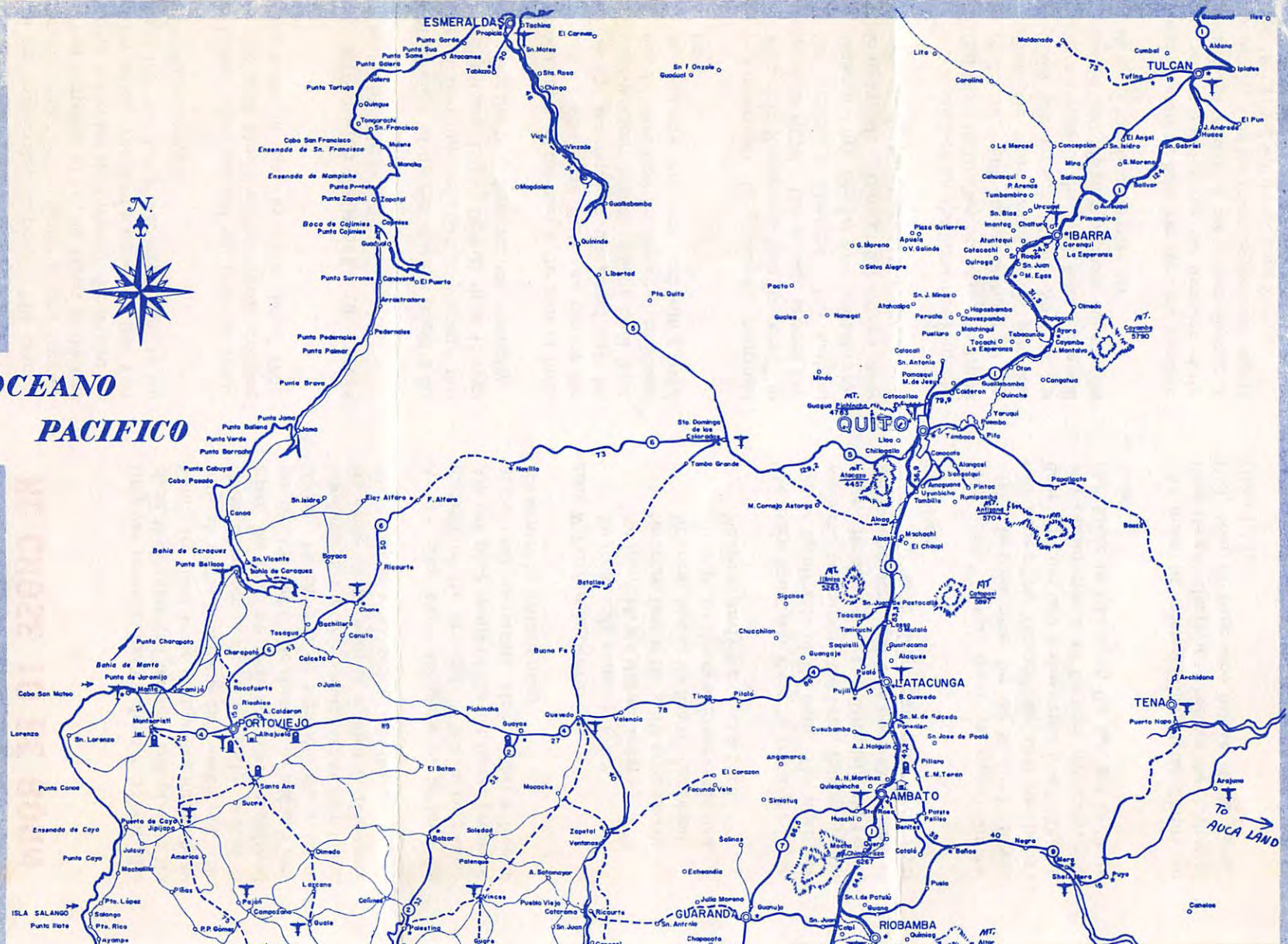
# ECUADOR

Some of our members have requested that we include a map of Ecuador in an issue of ANDEX. Here it is. Let us know your reactions and suggestions to this feature. Next month we will return with our regular features. What would you like to see in future issues of the ANDEX bulletin? Send us your suggestions.





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To  
AQUA LAND



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Then the unbelievable happened. "By chance" we made contact with a tourist visiting Ecuador. He "just happened to be" an expert in the kind of repair the hydro plant needed. He welded the impeller wheel. The plant was reassembled. Very quickly the electrical power was flowing to our transmitters once again.

The lesson: God can and will meet our needs. "My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19).

### THE SIGN AND WONDER OF LIVES CHANGED BY THE GOSPEL.

We often speak of the fact that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes (Romans 1:16). Through these 45 years we have seen this truth demonstrated repeatedly.

— I think of the man in the state of Iowa, U.S.A., who heard HCJB one evening and became interested in the gospel. He became a sincere follower of the Lord Jesus, was delivered from the sins which enchained him and now serves the Lord with a joyful heart.

— I remember the convinced Communist woman in Russia who "just happened" to listen to HCJB. The message gripped her. She became a Christian. Her husband abandoned her. She has gone forward in the Christian life. Through her witness many of her family have become Christians.

— I thank God for the listener in Peru who first heard HCJB when she was in the depths of despair. Life had no meaning for her. Then she heard about God's plan and God's love through HCJB. Now she has sincere faith in the Lord Jesus. She still has difficult life circumstances, but she tells of the victory God has given her.

In these 45 years we have seen signs and wonders: a contract for broadcasting, the provision of the Lord and the power of the gospel working in many people. God has shown us great and mighty things. He can and will do the same for you.

## HE CHOSE TO BE BORN

Only one person in history chose to be born. He chose His mother and the time and place of His birth. He chose to be born with a human body with all of its limitations and weaknesses. He chose to be born in the poorest enclosure in all of Israel, the place where cattle might be sheltered through the night. He chose to be laid in a cow trough. He chose to be born into the world so low-down that no baby could ever be born lower. He chose to be born at a point in time-space where the king would seek to kill Him.

At the place where He chose to be born the manager of the inn said, "There is no room." Are not these words of the inn keeper prophetic of our own generation? He is neither welcomed nor wanted by millions today.

John W. Peterson has written:

No room, only a stranger today.  
No room, He is a stranger today,  
No room, here in His world turned away,  
No room, here in the hearts of mankind,  
No room, no cheery welcome could find.  
No room, surely the world is blind.

The Holy Spirit was there to reveal the supernatural significance of His birth. The angels, the wisemen, the humble shepherds listened to His voice. He still passes over Jerusalem, the proud, the sophisticated, and calls upon the humble in spirit. The same Holy Spirit must reveal Jesus to us today.

"No room," what about in your heart today? Is there room for the Saviour? If you have hung a "No Vacancy" sign over your heart's door, why not take it down right now? Though you cannot choose to be born physically, you can choose to take down the sign and be "born again."

"As many as received Him (Jesus Christ), to them He gave the right to become the children of God, even to those who believe in His name" (John 1:12).