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Introducing DR Hoskins!



We are thrilled to share that Chris passed his dissertation defense on Tuesday and we can now officially call him Dr. Hoskins (or Dr. Dad as the kids have started to say with a chuckle). Now we wait for the hooding ceremony in the spring and this chapter at the Vanderbilt Graduate School will officially come to a close. A major accomplishment and a huge relief! Thank you, thank you, thank you for all of the ways you have supported us in this chapter. Grateful we do not journey through life alone.



We were joined by a few of his colleagues and fellow students in the room - the amazing women who have journeyed most closely with him in this season - and a few more folks online, thanks to a last minute zoom link! Having family and friends and a showing from our Serve Globally family was such an encouragement.

Breck and Elsa happened to not have school on Tuesday and we were all able to be present to watch Chris defend. It was such a joy to witness and I think the kids found it FAR more interesting than they originally thought they would. As much of Chris' work draws from our time in Ecuador, Breck and Elsa could relate to much of what was discussed.



At our celebration dinner that night they both had great questions about Chris' work as we reflected on the wild ride we have been on over these past few years - moving across the world during a pandemic for these two hours! I hope it helped them see God's faithfulness through these varied seasons of their childhood and the ways they are each important and connected.

As I crawled into bed on Tuesday night and felt my body exhale, I was flooded with gratitude for our community in Ecuador—those who have always called Ecuador home and those who, like us, were migrants to the country—who so generously shared their lives with us, inspired this work, and taught us so much.



In the midst of the hatred and fear-mongering currently happening in the United States toward immigrants and refugees, it is essential that we all wrestle with a more robust understanding of Scripture's mandate to welcome the stranger. Chris's dissertation work and continued scholarship will help inform that wrestling and strengthen the conversation around migration in pastoral care, better equipping pastors and leaders to care for migrants in their communities and to lead their congregations to thoughtfully and boldly engage in loving their neighbors.

Perhaps I will get Chris to write a VERY brief summary of his dissertation for a future newsletter (is that even possible?!?) but for now I'm going to let him exhale and celebrate a bit. And finish all the lecture prep and grading that needs to be done to finish out this semester of teaching.

Thank you for joining in our joy and celebration. Well done, Dr. Hoskins!

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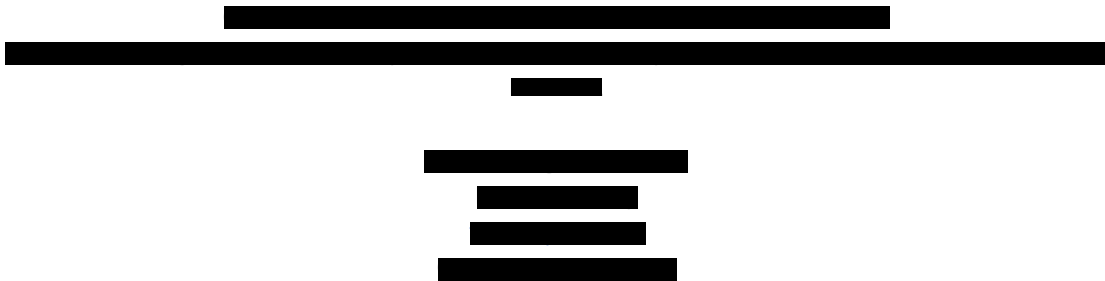
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