

## Buenas Dias

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This is the view from my hotel room in the early morning.



Yesterday we went by boat to visit several Mayan villages on the periphery of Lake Atitlan, where we saw the contrast between vibrant color and grinding poverty. Now and then we have met Americans who came here 30-40 years ago, as hippies, and stayed. Easy to see why one would stay in this beautiful place with its benign climate as a young person; harder to see how one would stay while aging, with no good medical or dental care available.

But oh, the colors!





These are the textiles from the traditional market in the village of San Juan de los Rios, Ecuador. The textiles are made by hand and are a source of pride for the women of the village.