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Dear Pedro:

I wrote you briefly not too long ago, telling you how much I've enjoyed your "time warp" family portraits. I also loved the Pokemon Adventure collaboration with Julito; and I've wanted to tell you how much I benefited from the network of connections made possible through Zonezero: I travelled to Ecuador over the Xmas/ New Year holiday (in spite of dire volcano & Y2K warnings!) with a couple of colleagues from the University of Illinois. Before I left Chicago, I e-mailed several Ecuadorian photographers whom I had met through their Zonezero portfolios (also through Manual's "digital imaging forum" site - <http://www.art.uh.edu/dif>). Several of them responded (including Maria Teresa Garcia, Judy Bustamante, Lucia Chiriboga, Jorge Espinosa, Diego Cifuentes) and I was able to meet them in Quito, see their work, and even offered a one-day workshop arranged through the Piecandela group. Anyway, it was a great instance of Internet/working - at the virtual and physical level.

Gracias!

I'm hoping to continue and extend that in many ways...

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