

now I know he was telling them no -  
he was not about to let them steal  
his taxi -

3-4 - Anyway soon afterwards came gunshots -

Needless to say the man stopped talking  
the 2 robbers zoomed past us in "their"  
new taxi leaving the taxi driver  
dead on the ground.

I was totally shocked.  
You have to understand there were lots  
of people out & about. Yes - it is  
a dangerous area but  
my gosh I didn't think that  
dangerous.

Afterwards all the neighborhood  
gathered around the dead man.  
I wanted to get in to see a closer  
look but my comp & Antonio  
wouldn't let me! ; Due pena!

Too bad I didn't have my camera  
w/ me to take some good pictures.

Just kidding.  
I was pretty freaked out!  
It's hard to imagine people  
killing someone for a taxicab.  
How sad.

I wonder what kind of life had  
these robbers to be able to do such  
a thing.

But now at least I understand  
better an article that  
was in the magazine TIME (over)

"Time" said that in the world the first 3  
most dangerous places -  
(based on Killings & robberies)  
are

- #1 GUAYMO - GUAYAQUIL - ECUADOR
- #2 BRONX, N.Y.
- #3 SUBURBIA, GUAYAQUIL - ECUADOR.

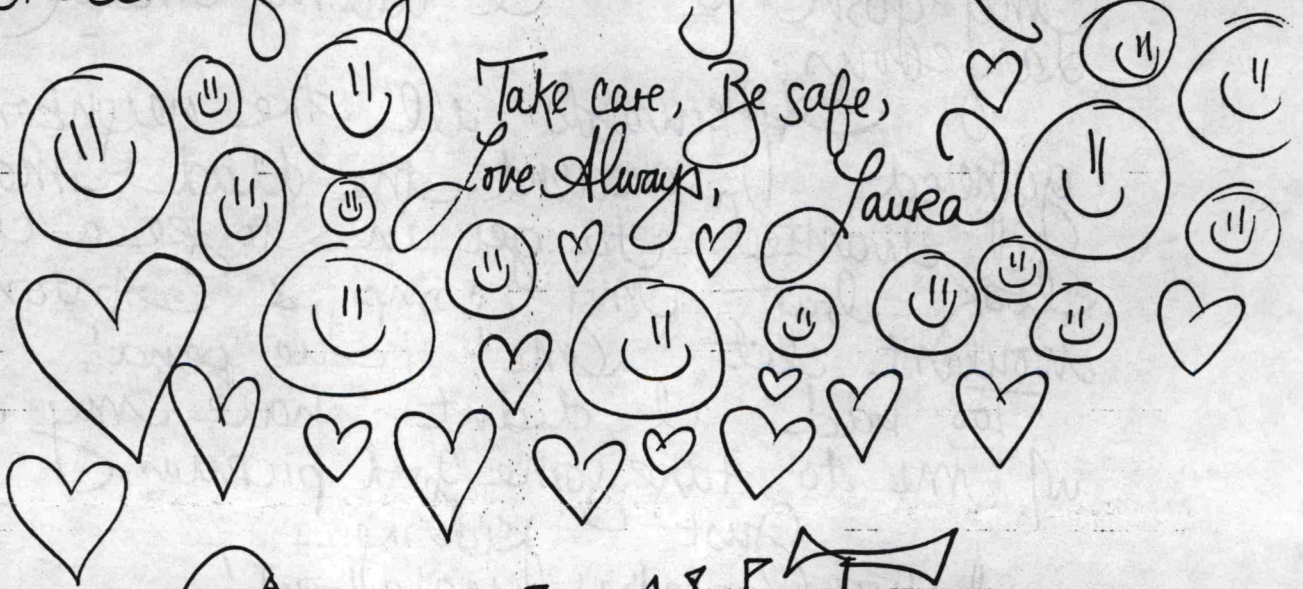
The church of the ZI's is in Suburbia!

Am-m.

No wonder if saw what I did!

Anyway ~

needless to say I hope this is the first and  
the last of my exciting Ecuador stories.



Take care, Be safe,  
Love Always,

Laura

GOOD NIGHT!

All I hope is that I can sleep tonight!