

# PAPERS IN THE WASTEBASKET

## Journeys to an end in Latin America

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### Dedication:

*To the aspiring roads scholar, may your longest lasting bug be the travel bug.*

### Introduction

Papers in the Wastebasket is a collection of photographs, artwork and stories about my excursions into Latin America. So ... I decided to write a travel book. A guidebook? Yes and no. If a traveler relied on it as the only guide book, one may get lost. Although, I must stress that to refuse to ever get lost is the same as limiting the travel experience. This book should be used to plan a trip, to decide what sights to see, or even just to compare travel stories with one's own. The anecdotes of my travels will help one to plan one's own travel.

On my travels, I would see all types of roads: stone roads high in the Peruvian jungles, single tracks through windswept Patagonia, divided dirt highways through Bolivia and highways with speed bumps and armed checkpoints in Mexico. The one thing all these had in common is the ability to take me from one adventure to the next. The scholarly component of travel

comes from the opportunities to learn about other countries and cultures and also perhaps to appreciate one's home country just a little bit more.

So enjoy my vision of that part of the world where one may be asked "Por favor Señor, toilet paper in the wastebasket, not down the toilet!" Because, of course, one may be inclined to visit that part of the world to form a vision of one's own.