



**Youth Short-Term Missions Experience
2018**

Destination: Quito, Ecuador

Fabulous Facts on Ecuador

- Location: Western South America, bordering the Pacific Ocean at the Equator, between Colombia and Peru (includes Galapagos Islands)
- Area: 283,560 sq km (in comparison, it is slightly smaller than Nevada)
- Climate: Tropical along coast, becoming cooler inland at higher elevations; tropical in Amazonian jungle lowlands
- Natural Resources: petroleum, fish, timber, hydropower, and their primary agricultural products are sugarcane, bananas, rice, maize, potatoes, cacao, coffee, and lemon fruits.
- Natural Disasters: frequent earthquakes, landslides, volcanic activity, floods, periodic droughts
- Population: 16.14 million
- Age Structure:
 - 0-14 years: 34.9%
 - 15-64 years: 60.6%
 - 65 years and over: 4.5%
- Nationality: Ecuadorian(s)
- Religion: Roman Catholic 95%
- Languages: Spanish (official language)
- Government Type: Democratic Republic
- Capital: Quito
 - Population: 2,239,191
- The U.S. dollar is the official currency
- The national motto is “Dios, patria y libertad” which translates as “God, homeland, and liberty.”



Our Partnerships

International Teams Canada

International Teams Canada is a Christian mission organization dedicated to meeting the physical and spiritual needs of the poor and oppressed. Our motivation to care comes from our pursuit of Jesus and His mission to engage the most marginalized and impoverished among us, especially women, children and refugees.

Our work is always accomplished in partnership with churches, businesses and grassroots networks of passionate people investing their time, resources and abilities.

International Teams Canada has approximately 100 Canadian staff working in Europe, Asia, Africa, Middle East and North and South America. We are part of a wider association of "International Teams" with national offices providing leadership out of the United Kingdom, Costa Rica, Austria, Australia, Philippines, USA and here in Canada. Worldwide staff and missionaries number over 1000.

Youth World

Youth World is a ministry of International Teams. Their vision is to serve the local church through training youth workers, ministering to young people and families, providing resources to nationals and missionaries who serve the local church, and to challenge people to develop a heart for the world. One of the ways they accomplish their vision is through Quito Quests (short term mission teams of youth, adults, and families).

Quito Quest

EXPOSING YOUTH, ADULTS AND FAMILIES TO MISSIONS, MINISTRY AND THE WORLD

Through our Quito Quest events, Youth World seeks to:

- **EXPOSE** - We want groups to see missions and the world in a whole new way. We program so that they receive maximum exposure to diverse cultures, missionary groups and the national evangelical movement. We believe that through exposure, it creates an awareness that will change that person's life forever.
- **SERVE** - We provide opportunities for our groups to get their hands dirty in hands-on ministry. Whether it is a work project, a children's program or a ministry of compassion, we want our groups to be involved in serving, and in serving they share the love of God that lives within them.
- **CHALLENGE** - We want people that come to Quito Quest to be challenged not only in their involvement in missions, but in their personal relationship with Christ. Our goal is not to challenge each person to become a missionary; we want to challenge them to be obedient to God no matter where He calls them to serve, and no matter what He calls them to do.
- **BUILD PARTNERS** - An added benefit of groups coming through Quito is that it allows us to present our ministry to a number of new churches and individuals each year. We want to challenge everyone that comes to Quito to commit to praying for the ministry of Youth World. We also want to provide interested individuals and churches with the opportunity to get more involved with our ministry on a regular basis.

Our Potential Project Sites

Ministry Partners

Remanso de Amor (Argela Alta Church)

Argela Alta or Remanso de Amor “Haven of Love” is a community church that is lead by Ramiro and Jenny Maldonado in partnership with International Teams. They run programs for kids, youth, elderly, indigenous peoples, and woman who are pregnant and need support in raising healthy children. The goal of this organization is also to train ministry leaders to work with the indigenous people of Ecuador and send missionaries out into the world. Our Ecuador team will provide children’s ministry, share testimonies, perform dramas, paint, and working on small construction projects in our time at this ministry site.

Casa Gabriel

Coordinated by Phil Douce, Casa Gabriel (Casa G) is a training ministry for former street boys in Quito, Ecuador. Casa G exists to identify, teach and equip young men to become leaders and ambassadors for Jesus Christ. Casa Gabriel will give our team a first hand experience of seeing how Christ can turn lives around as we get the opportunity to swap testimonies and build relationships.

Casa Adalia

Through relational ministry, intentionally and respectfully demonstrating the love of Christ who loved us first. Casa A. is dedicated to helping youth and families at risk experience the transforming power of life in Jesus Christ. God is at work around us enlarging global awareness and forging connections for us to respond in Quito, Ecuador to the issue of modern day slavery, poverty and oppression.

La Roca

La Roca is skate church ministry run by Brock Luginbill with the help of one of the local churches in the area. The ministry is aimed at building relationships with youth by providing a place to skate board, hangout, and participate in competitions. This ministry is unique in that it attracts a wide variety of youth from all backgrounds in life and connects them to Jesus through what they love: skateboarding. Between developing relationships and hosting events the ministry uses these opportunities share how Jesus has transformed lives in the Bible and is presently changing lives today.

Some of the practical ways we will be helping out is through maintenance of the skate park, building relationships, and sharing personal testimonies about Jesus in our lives. In 2011 we helped lay down the foundation for the expansion of the skate church facilities. Our team also donated and set up generator to provide power to the site so that the ministry can provide events in the evening and expand their ability to reach a greater crowd.

Team Information

What will we be doing?

Youth World will provide our team with two hosts that will be with us over the course of our mission experience. They will act as interpreters, guides, and friends. Through the partnerships with Youth World we will be mainly involved in:

- Children's ministry
- Youth ministry
- Construction

How many Youth and Adults are going?

Our team this year has a cap of 30 people. When moving through the application process we are aiming at a ratio of 1 (leader) per 5 (participants). Jordan Regier and Joel Toews is overseeing the running of the team and Jordan Regier will act as team administrator.

What are the dates of the trip?

Summer 2018. The dates are relatively unknown due to communication delays

How much will the trip cost?

The total cost for a 30 person team is going to be approximately \$115,000. This cost includes flights, travel insurance, administrative costs, accommodations, food, training, project costs, all pre-trip activities (including fall camp, spring camp, and boot camp), two team t-shirts, \$10,000 to use towards our ministry partners in Ecuador, and a \$5,000 ongoing Ecuador fund. The two costs not included in this team cost are immunizations and team hoodies/additional t-shirts.

What are the financial responsibilities of each team member? Will there be any fundraisers to help offset the costs?

The financial cost of the short-term mission's experience is the responsibility of the team. Each team member can break down the per person portion of the team cost, but at the end of the day we are all working towards one goal and no one can stop until that total has been reached. There will be three major fundraisers through the course of the year.

FlipGive - This is a program that utilizes the normal spending of individuals that are connected to the team. There are numerous that have partnered with FlipGive that give a percentage of all purchases to the team with no additional expense to the individual.

Silent Auction – November 17th (Tentative)

Garage Sale – April 27th – 29th (Tentative)

In addition to these three fundraisers team members are strongly encouraged to get jobs to help raise additional support towards the team total. Team members will also be asked to send out a minimum of 30 support letters to their circle of influence.

What if I am a parent? How do I help?

In order for any trip like this one to occur it takes a full team effort, including a full team effort from the “sending team”. We will require major assistance from all the parents whose kids are involved with the team. One of the main contributions parents can assist us with is the accountability of their kid(s) in the commitment they have made to the team both with time and finances. Additionally, we would ask each parent to commit our team and members to constant prayer. and to use and promote FlipGive.

We will also need a few specific roles to be met by parents:

- Fundraising Coordinator: Garage Sale
- Fundraising Coordinator: Silent Auction

What kind of training will take place for each team member?

The proper training of the team is of utmost importance as we prepare to engage in ministry in a foreign country. Our team will meet approximately once a month (Sept-Dec) and twice a month (Jan-July) These meetings are to ensure all proper travel documents are complete, we are on track for our fundraising goals, and our preparation for ministry sites is ready to go upon departure (E.g. team building projects, language training, culture orientation, trip related skills training, and heart & character preparation.)

Our meeting days will be **Sundays from 5:30 -6:30 pm**. In addition, our team will participate in the fall and spring camps. As well as a team-only “boot camp.” The boot camp will be a Friday night to Saturday afternoon at the end of May.

Each member is responsible for participating in the fundraising events. As well team members will help collect items and work the Silent Auction and Garage Sale as well as consistently promote FlipGive to friends and family. Each team member is expected to attend all meetings, fundraisers, and team events, and be a part of a Small Group.

Next Steps

Timeline

1. Information Meetings - September 16th & 23rd, 2017
2. Applications and Deposit due into church office – October 9ish, 2017
 - Individual Interviews occur upon receiving your application.
3. Team Finalized by October 20, 2017
4. First Team Meeting - October 22, 2017

Contact Info

For further questions please direct your inquiries to **Jordan Regier** or **Wade Gardiner** at (780) 467-7005 or at ecuador@heartlandalliance.ca

Tentative Dates

Ecuador Trip: Summer 2018

Team Meetings:

- Sept - Dec - monthly meetings
- Jan – July - bi-monthly meetings

Fundraisers

- Silent Auction – November 17, 2017
- Garage Sale – April 27-29, 2018

Team Events

- Fall Camp - October 27-29, 2017
- Spring Camp - March 9-11, 2018
- Boot Camp - May 25 -28, 2018