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retreat centre which has overnight accommodations for up to 48 persons.

**Ecuador has impressive scenic mountains** with deep river valleys, so we naturally stopped on occasion to take photographs of breath-taking landscapes. Slowing down as we drove through numerous towns and villages made us more aware that even those living in remote rural areas need to hear of God's love and grace.

**In Lita, a town of some 5,000, we continued our practical work** of general maintenance and minor repairs, painting, cleaning and gardening. **We enjoyed fellowship with the retreat staff**, sharing our testimonies and hearing what God has been doing in their lives. The mutual encouragement to remain faithful to the Lord for all His guidance, goodness and grace in our lives was a highlight for us all.

**At the end of each day, wherever we were ministering**, we took time to reflect on the day's experiences. Through prayer we asked God to continue shining his light into the hearts of those still living in spiritual darkness.

**Even though we were away from home**, in a strange and different place, far from the familiar, we nevertheless were assured of God's presence and ability to meet every need. We were blessed beyond expectation. Praise be to God who loves all peoples, in all places, and continually calls each one to fully surrender to him.

"Living near the jungle, doing kids ministry and getting to know the Ecuadorian people and their culture has taught me so very much! It was truly inspiring to hear how God has changed many lives. It was a real blessing to be able to help the local churches in Ecuador."



Debbie Kuemmel

### Reasons to GO on a Mission Trip:

- GO because we're called to go and make disciples.
- GO because you will grow in your walk with God.
- GO because you should worship God for His creation in places you've never seen before.
- GO because you will meet your brothers and sisters that you might otherwise never meet on earth.
- GO because you will see the world differently.
- GO because you will learn to be less materialistic.
- GO because you will make lasting friendships
- GO because you will better understand God's mission.
- GO because you can't wait to see what God is doing.
- GO because you will be a blessing and be blessed.

"A thousand times thank you for everything. We had a super good time with you all. We always love to work and travel with mission groups. You were very helpful for our ministry here in Ecuador." LM Ecuador Director



Rainer Kroeger

Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among the peoples.

Psalm 67:1-2

**WHERE WE WORK**

- Asia
- Africa
- South Pacific
- North America
- South America
- Europe

## God Calls Us to Persistent Prayer

### PRAISE GOD

- ◆ For individuals, both **missionaries and Ecuadorians** who are faithfully serving God in Ecuador.
- ◆ For **dedicated Liebenzell supporters** such as yourself whom God has called to pray for the work and ministry of Liebenzell worldwide.
- ◆ For the **freedom** we have to share our testimonies with family, friends, relatives, acquaintances and neighbours. Pray for a remarkable ease in witnessing to the non-churched in our own communities.
- ◆ For the **safe return** of our Ecuador Mission Trip Team, giving thanks for **numerous blessings** experienced.
- ◆ For **our living God**, who abides in the eternal present; whose grace is unending; whose power is transforming to the glory of the Father.

### PLEASE PRAY

- ◆ For **opportunities to share and present God's work** through Liebenzell to individuals, groups and churches throughout Canada.
- ◆ For **spiritual awakening** and a deep **hunger for God** among the people LM Ecuador is trying to reach for Christ.
- ◆ For **Rainer and Katharina Kroeger** to remain sensitive to God's leading and vision for LM Ecuador. May all staff including the Ecuadorian pastors, teachers and missionaries remain steadfast in their calling to evangelize, teach and walk in all holiness.
- ◆ For individuals to join the **Ecuador Mission Trip** next year in June or July.
- ◆ For the **Spirit of God to remain "active and alive" in our hearts** so that we will have the same passion for others that God has for them.

Will you have us share in your church and home group? Contact us for availability: Paul @ 519-868-3131



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Special 2018 Ecuador Mission Trip Edition

# Our Mission

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ECUADOR  
June 3—16



**Ecuador Mission Team** with Pastor Walter Pullugando (with family) and LM missionary Carina Erlenmaier at Cotacachi Church: Back Row (L-R): Trudy Mielke, Carina Erlenmaier (LM Missionary), Paul Knauer, Pamela Pullugando with daughter Neus, Justin Ramos, Debbie Kuemmel, Rita Mattmueller, William Mielke, Walter Pullugando and Helmut Koslowski.

## Ecuador Mission Trip: HUGE SUCCESS

We went to Ecuador to be a blessing; and we were blessed.

**Thanks be to God** for his presence with us, his power to transform lives and the peace we experienced knowing in heart and mind that we were in the right place, doing the right thing, for the right reasons, with the right motives to bring God glory that is due his holy name.

**We went to Ecuador to work:** The church at Cotacachi had long standing plans to renovate their old public washrooms. We demolished walls by chipping out the old bricks, removed deteriorating vanities, hand basins, toilets and showers. We removed rubble and cleaned up in preparation for the next phase of the work. On the exterior walls of the church we sanded and helped paint the plaster walls. Working

alongside our Ecuadorian brothers and sisters allowed us to build strong bonds of mutual encouragement.

**We connected with the children and youth through Kid's Clubs and special Youth Events.** We had far more numbers of children and youth attending our programs than we had anticipated and planned for. The programs included sports, fun-filled activities, scripture memorization, Bible story-time, lively singing, and a variety of crafts. Everyone was enthused to participate and our time together was filled with joy and the happiest of memories.

**We took every opportunity to share our testimonies** with individuals and with groups such as the Women's Bible Study and Men's Ministry.

**We even challenged ourselves doing street evangelism** downtown

"I am grateful to have experienced such a great multigenerational mission team as we had. It was very touching to listen to and share testimonies of God's powerful work in our lives. We were so blessed. I would love to go back to Ecuador for a third time."



Rita Mattmueller

Cotacachi, witnessing to many Americans and Canadians who had immigrated and settled in the area.

**We participated in Spanish-speaking worship** by sharing what God had done in our lives and preaching a message of hope. Our impromptu seven-member choir even delighted those gathered as we mustered enough courage to sing "Amazing Grace" in melodious harmony.

Following the first week in Cotacachi, and ministering to people in outlying towns, we travelled north to the town of Lita where Liebenzell has a

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