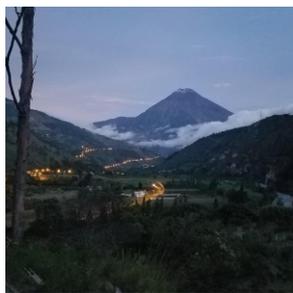




ECUADOR MISSIONS UPDATE



The Ecuador Mission trip was a resounding success but also showed us that there is much more work to be done in Ecuador. In fact, we learned of more pressing needs to the communities we serve in, than any previous years. Our vision is to continue to partner with Steve and Carol Thompson as the work in Ecuador continues and grows.

This summer, 14 folks from Eau Gallie attended the 15th mission trip to Ecuador. We led worship for a Student Ministry Retreat and a local church, we ran VBS, worship and preached for the village of Machacuyaku, and we did a little back breaking work at Camp UNPES (which is the camp located in the jungle outside of Tena, Ecuador). Lots of moving of huge rocks, mixing and pouring concrete, and the building of a perimeter wall around the camp filled 3 of our days. It was some of the most difficult



work we have done, but was necessary for the safety of the camp and city ordinances. (Yes...they even have those in the jungle). Additionally, our students and adults ate together, studied the Scriptures, and grew in the love and knowledge of our great God.



During our VBS, back in the States, we taught the kids some of the songs we teach the kids in Ecuador, and some of the culture. The VBS offering goes to ensure that every kid in the village of Machacuyaku

gets to attend summer camp to hear the Gospel. Additionally, here are some of the needs we will be highlighting over the next couple of months for our partnership with Ecuador Missions:

- 1)** We would like to raise \$5,000 for a dining area and bathrooms to be built next to the existing church building in Machacuyaku. Currently its quite a walk to use the bathroom.
- 2)** We just found out that The Compassion International Program is ending in the jungle area leaving over 400 kids without help or sponsors. Pastor Jorge (who has been running the program is proposing that a collaboration of churches including Eau Gallie First Baptist – pay around \$500 per month to sponsor 25 children – which is the same way the existing program works. More details will be provided in the coming days.
 - a)** The local church in Tena would still be the church that leads the Bible studies, administers medical help, 2 meals per week, and school help.
 - b)** By becoming a sponsor, your \$25-\$40 a month sponsorship would still include 1 child being sponsored (all money goes to the program with *no* administration fee; whereas Compassion charges about \$16 in administration fees).
 - c)** You would still be able to directly communicate with your sponsored child (via our church secretary and their secretary in Ecuador – they would translate the letters and deliver the letter and pictures you send weekly).
 - d)** There would be ample opportunity to visit your child on an Eau Gallie Mission trip to Ecuador as the proximity of the sponsored child is close to the Jungle Camp.
 - e)** Additional needs would be made aware to the sponsor like (medical help, clothing needs, etc).
 - f)** You would still be able to send birthday and Christmas cards and gifts.
 - g)** All transactions would be made through and accountable thru Global Outreach (of which you would receive tax receipts thru as well).
- 3)** The clothing boutique will begin collecting children's clothes (baby-teens), that we will pack up, seal, and take several suitcases on a separate trip to the jungle for the families in Machacuyaku. (The kids desperately need underwear, shorts, shirts, shoes [flipflops or sandals], and any other things you could imagine).
- 4)** The First Baptist Seminary is nearing completion at Camp Chacauco which partners with Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, but there is still work to do on the upstairs offices, meeting space, cafeteria, and more. Additionally, churches will be asked to provide library books for the seminary library at some point (to be taken in suitcases during each trip). Something to think and pray about.

Thank you for your love and support of Missions at Eau Gallie First Baptist!