

DISCIPLES ON MISSION

Worship. Formation. Community. Action.

Are you looking for a church that is committed to building up Christians in mind, body, and spirit? A congregation where the worship is rooted in ancient mysteries? A community that brings the Word of God to bear on the challenge of living faithfully in the modern world? A loving, supportive parish that is committed to nurturing your faith and the faith of your family across every age and stage of life? A fellowship that works hard to teach everyone the importance of reaching out to your community and the world?

If you are, this is it.



You were made for more.

More worship. More service. More community.

You are no doubt restless. You've been asking God, "What am I supposed to do?"

Feed my lambs. Tend my sheep. Follow me.

Enter Ecuador.

Experience a country rich in diversity of landscape and culture. Explore its churches, meet its needs, and reflect on God's deep love as you learn new ways of sharing it with others. (Regardless of your Duolingo streak.)

Before your journey, you will join a team of 15 individuals experiencing their own curious sense of calling. Together, you'll run medical clinics, equip teachers, worship in historic spaces, and explore your role in the Kingdom of God.

Ecuador is waiting.

Start The Adventure

San José Obrero

Missions Guide

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¡Bienvenido a Ecuador!

Welcome to Ecuador, your mission field for the next week. Get ready to fall in love with the food, tradition, and—most importantly—the people as you apply your God-given talents in a new context.

Take a turn leading prayer. Organize medical supplies and comfort patients after treatment. Equip teachers and invest in children. These are just a few of the service opportunities you will have if you join us on our journey.

You will also learn from local leaders in medicine, education, and the Episcopal Diocese of Ecuador. Get a firsthand look at the issues, obstacles, and joys presenting themselves to the Church—within and outside of sanctuary walls.



This may not be the relaxing summer vacation you were expecting, but we promise it will be one of the most influential spiritual experiences of your life. Find mission and meaning with us as a member of our San José Obrero Missions Team.

Basic Itinerary



Days 1-4: Guayaquil

You begin your journey in the port city of Guayaquil. This is home to over 2.6 million people, making it Ecuador's largest city. Here we will meet local church leadership at the Episcopal diocesan headquarters, and run our first medical clinic. You will also get a chance to worship at La Iglesia Jesus el Señor—your first church service in Ecuador.



Days 5: Salinas

Next, you arrive in a beautiful south coastal city in the province of Santa Elena. You will have opportunities to rest, sight-see, and explore the beach with new friends.



Day 6-10: Manta

As the bus door opens after a four hour drive from Salinas, you are met with a scenic harbor full of tuna boats and crisp, ocean air. We will meet with La Iglesia Episcopal San José Obrero's clergy and run our second medical clinic. You will also get to know Raisa, a teacher in the church's preschool program. With her help we will purchase critical supplies for both the school and the church. It is with this congregation that you will worship on your final day in Ecuador.

Reasons to go:

You're enthusiastic about meeting other's needs.

You arrive early to set up for the potluck, and you stay late to help clean up. You're the one with four folding chairs under each arm. (Maybe five.) Unexpected needs are no match for your servant's heart.

You have a great sense of humor.

Remember the last time you went on a family vacation? Did everything go perfectly? In missions, plenty of things go off the rails. Your buoyant spirit is critical to keeping the team afloat.

You're looking for a change of pace. Literally.

In Ecuador you'll encounter "hot climate culture." This means prioritizing relationship-building over task management, flexibility above timeliness. There's no such thing as a side-hustle here.

God just won't let up on the idea.

You've never done something like this before, but no matter how much you try, you just can't shake the feeling you need to get involved somehow.