



# MANTA/ PORTOVIEJO WELCOME PACKET 2016

**SHORT-TERM MISSIONS GUIDE** We're excited for you to come and be a part of the larger Church movement happening in Ecuador. Ecuador is an exotic country with jungle, coastal, mountainous terrain and has large urban cities full of with people who need Christ. Inca Link is focused on reaching the 300 million youth in Latin America with Christ's irresistible love. We do this through discipleship and evangelism, training leaders, connecting people, and compassion ministries. We are devoted to helping the least of these and we need your help!

*And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of **the least of these** my brothers, you did it to me." -Matthew 25:40*

## MEET THE TEAM: MANTA



**WILL and AMANDA EASON** Will and Amanda served as youth pastors in Savannah, Georgia until God called them to Manta, Ecuador. They worked at a children's home outside of Manta in 2014 and have now started an after-school care ministry, Bonsai. They have a heart for seeing young people and their families come to know Christ and connect with the local church. Will and Amanda have a 5-year-old son named Emery and as of February 2016, a baby girl named Selah. If you are serving with Bonsai in Manta, Will and Amanda will be your project supervisors.



**ANNA JACOBSON** Anna served as an intern in Manta during the summer of 2014, and knew then that God could be calling her to full-time missions. Growing up as a missionary kid in Quito herself, the country has always had a special place in Anna's heart. After Anna graduated from Wheaton College in May 2015, she spent another summer in Ecuador to discern if that was what the Lord had for her. She heard the call to "go!" and is excited to serve in Manta alongside the Easons. Anna also helps run the Amazing Race with our summer interns.

## MEET THE TEAM: PORTOVIEJO



**PERCY and GEMA FIGUEREDO** Percy was a youth in Rich and Elisa's youth group in Trujillo, Peru. He is a founding member of the band Corban. While he was a missionary in Portoviejo, he met Gema and they married in November 2012. They have a beautiful daughter named Mila. They are ministering to youth in Portoviejo, Ecuador and have a heart for missions. If you are serving in Portoviejo, Percy will be your project supervisor.

## MEET THE TEAM: QUITO

If you bus to Manta, you will spend a night or two in Quito. Here are some people you will likely meet during your stay in Quito:



**RICH and ELISA BROWN and FAMILY** The Browns are the co-founders and president of Inca Link. They serve as regional missionaries with the Christian and Missionary Alliance and are based in Quito, Ecuador. They were youth pastors in Trujillo for 10 years, and have been in Ecuador since 2005. They have a passion for training youth leaders and have four awesome kids.



**GUSTAVO CADENA** Executive Director of Inca Link Ecuador, Gustavo truly has a passion for training leaders and leading people in worship. After being a full-time youth pastor, he began his service with Inca Link in 2008. If you are living in Quito, Gustavo will be supervising your ministries and projects. He is also our expert on living, working and serving in Ecuador.



**FABIAN and MABE TAMAYO** Fabian and Mabe are using their gifts of hospitality to manage the guesthouse (Casa Blanca) for teams and interns. Passionate about cooking, they serve as the chefs. Fabian was a youth pastor and served in various churches. Mabe also serves Inca Link as a financial assistant.



**PATRICK WATTS** Having been an intern with Inca Link, Patrick finished up his engineering degree in plastics, worked in the field, and is now serving as a missionary for Inca Link. Originally from Pennsylvania, he has a burden for nationals and interns alike. Patrick is the Intern Coordinator in Ecuador and Colombia.

## MEET THE TEAM: STATESIDE



**JOSEPH FISHER** Joseph was one of Inca Link's first interns and came to serve Latin America for two consecutive summers. He now serves as our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer. It is his job to build and manage effective administrative and financial systems. He and his wife Heather have two beautiful daughters, Abby and Emily. They make their home in Wilkesboro, North Carolina.



**NICOLE HIGGINS** Nicole is the Associate Director of Finances. Nicole and her husband Robert moved to Boone, North Carolina after working for Samaritan's Purse in Haiti. They both have a heart for missions and seeing God's truth brought to the nations.



**LINDSEY FISHER** Lindsey is the Team and Intern Coordinator. She got connected to Inca Link through her brother-in-law Joseph (above). Her husband John also served with Inca Link as an intern for two summers. Based out of Memphis, Tennessee she serves to oversee the pre-field preparation of the teams and interns.

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## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:

Your team will either be placed primarily at Manta or Portoviejo. However, you will likely get to spend one day in the other location since they are about 45 minutes apart.

**CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS** At both locations, your team will be serving the local indigenous churches in and around the coast of Ecuador. If you are given a construction project, it will likely come out of a need from a local church/ local church family!

## MANTA:

**DAY CARE PROGRAMS** In Manta, your primary ministry will be helping launch a brand new ministry called Bonsai, which is an after-school program for children of at-risk families. Bonsai provides childcare, food, tutoring and homework help, Bible devotions, games and creative and social activity for up to 40 participating children (ages 3-12) in a safe environment. The best way your team can serve this ministry is by preparing and bringing enough supplies to run a Vacation Bible School for the kids for 5 days.

## PORTOVIEJO:

**GARBAGE DUMP MINISTRY** Inca Link is launching a new ministry in Portoviejo hopefully starting June 2016. We plan to launch a sponsorship program for 20-40 kids from the Garbage Dump region in Portoviejo. The teams that come during the summer of 2016 will likely have opportunities to help us lay the foundation for this new ministry.

**SPORTS MINISTRY** In Portoviejo there is a thriving soccer ministry. This soccer ministry uses sports as a vehicle to share Christ. Depending on the timing of your trip, you may get to help out with a practice or even a tournament!

## SAMPLE SCHEDULE:

Based on your team's goals and Inca Link's needs, we believe the Lord will direct us in designing a unique experience for you. This unique experience may not be planned until you arrive in the country—it's hard to know the need of the local church six months in advance! We ask that you come open and ready to serve. This is an idea of what a schedule may look like—most days will involve construction and children's ministry.

### FRIDAY

Generally international arrivals are later in the evening, so you will go directly to Casa Blanca (in Quito) upon arrival. On the hour trip from the airport to Casa Blanca, you will receive a brief orientation.

### SATURDAY

Breakfast  
Devotional  
Travel to Manta/ Portoviejo  
Lunch  
Dinner Unpack/Rest/Shower  
Worship-Debrief

### SUNDAY

Breakfast  
Devotional  
Church  
Lunch  
Tourism  
Dinner  
Worship-Debrief

### MONDAY-FRIDAY

Breakfast  
Devotional  
Construction  
Lunch  
Ministry  
Dinner  
Worship- Debrief

### SATURDAY

Breakfast  
Devotional  
Travel back to Quito  
Lunch  
Tourism/ Shopping  
Dinner  
Worship- Debrief

### SUNDAY

Travel home

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### PREPARATIONS

**WHAT VACCINATIONS/MEDICATIONS DO WE NEED?** We require that all short-termers have Hepatitis A and B, and an up-to-date Tetanus shot. We recommend if you are not staying in the city of Quito that you get Yellow Fever vaccination, but this is not required. We highly recommend bringing some sort of stomach/diarrhea medicine.

\*Inca Link has set a rule that for 2016 teams, **pregnant woman should not participate in trips this year** due to the danger of the Zika virus. We're sorry if this causes any inconveniences for your team

**WILL WE NEED TO PREPARE A CHILDREN'S PROGRAM?** We recommend that your team be prepared for a children's program or VBS. The team will be responsible for providing curriculum and all materials needed to do the program, including: crafts, prizes, etc. There are several opportunities to serve children like at the garbage dump, orphanages, schools, churches, soccer camps, etc. It is always appreciated to have the teams lead music, skits and games. We encourage your team to learn some songs in Spanish. If dramas or skits are used, please make sure they are in Spanish. Be as creative as you would like. This also is a great team building activity as you prepare for your trip!

## PACKING

**IS THERE A DRESS CODE?** People in Ecuador are more conservative than in North America. To be effective in ministry, we want to respect our Ecuadorian brothers and sisters while in their country by striving to imitate their dress customs.

### WOMEN:

- Church attire: pants, skirts or dresses are acceptable for women but **no flip flops**. Bring some flats.
- Sweatshirts or warm jacket is recommended for the cool evenings.
- Wear protective clothing on work sites.
- Appropriate length shorts are acceptable on the coast but you will also need one pair of work jeans.

### MEN:

- Guys must wear pants or jeans to church. No shorts or flip-flops.
- Sweatshirts or warm jacket is recommended for the cool evenings.
- Wear protective clothing on work sites.

### PACKING LIST:

- Work clothes
- Cool clothes to wear during VBS/ ministry time
- Church outfit
- Warm jacket and pants (for time in Quito)
- Toiletries
- Bible
- Journal
- Reusable water bottle
- Work gloves
- Closed toed work shoes (tennis shoes are fine)
- Shower shoes
- Flip flops are fine to wear, but not to church
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Camera (optional)
- Hat
- Personal Medications
- Passport

\*You DO NOT need to bring pillows, bedding or towels (those will all be provided).

## TRAVEL

**WHAT AIRPORT SHOULD WE FLY INTO?** You will need to fly into Quito, Ecuador (UIO). From there, your team has the option to bus or fly to Manta.

- **Bus:** The price to bus to Manta/ Portoviejo is included in the price of the trip. It takes 9 hours to bus from Quito to Manta. So note, if you choose to bus, your team will lose two days in ministry due to travel. You will arrive back in Quito one day before your departure to ensure your team makes your return flight home.
- **Fly:** If you want to fly to gain more ministry time in Manta/ Portoviejo, your team will need to look into flights from Quito to Manta. Since you will be spending more on flights, we will discount your trip \$50/ person if you choose this option.

**DO WE NEED A VISA?** You will only need a valid passport to enter Ecuador. Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months from your departure date, or the airlines will not allow you to fly out. You do not need to apply for a visa before coming down. Once you arrive in Ecuador, you will be given a tourist visa for 30-90 days for free.

## OTHER QUESTIONS:

**IS THERE AN AGE REQUIREMENT?** We encourage family mission experiences! Children 12 years old and younger must be accompanied by a parent on the team.

**WHAT ARE THE LIVING ACCOMODATIONS?** You will either be staying in a local hostel or staying in the home of a local Christian expat couple where you will have either a bed or an air mattress.

**WHAT IS THE WEATHER LIKE?** You should expect very warm and humid weather (highs in the 90's and lows in the 70's). We do recommend you still bring one jacket for your brief time in Quito, since it is cooler.

**WHAT WILL THE MEALS BE LIKE?** Meals are prepared with the utmost care. You will have opportunities to try food that is typical to Ecuador, but also food that you recognize and will enjoy.

**WILL THERE BE SNACKS TO PURCHASE?** We recommend that you bring snacks from home (to leave with the missionaries), but we also recommend you be ready to try new and different snacks from Ecuador.

**IS THERE A WAY TO CONTACT HOME?** Internet is available at some locations, but not all. We encourage you to "unplug" while serving. (Note: Contacting home is available if there is an emergency.)

**ARE THE ELECTRICAL OUTLETS THE SAME?** Yes, the outlets are the same as they are in North America.

**WHAT TYPE OF CURRENCY IS USED IN ECUADOR?** Ecuador uses the United States dollar. You will want to bring clean cash (not torn and no markings). Smaller bills (\$20 or less) are required. Credit and Debit cards are accepted, but you will usually find a small international fee for using it. We do not recommend checks, travelers' checks or money orders, because they are very difficult to use! Ecuador uses the US dollar, so if you are coming from the US, you do not have to exchange your money.

**WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT UPON ARRIVAL?** Someone with Inca Link apparel will be at the airport to pick you up. If we are not there, do not walk outside. We will be there shortly. Feel free to contact anyone on the list that was provided for you.

**WHAT ITEMS CAN WE BRING TO DONATE?** Email [info@incalink.org](mailto:info@incalink.org) for an updated wish list from each ministry.

# SPANISH PHRASEBOOK

## BASIC CONVERSATION

Gracias (gra-syas)  
Por favor (por fa-vor)  
Buenos días (bwe-nos dee-as)  
Buenos tardes (bwe-nos tar-des)  
Buenas noches (bue-nas no-ches)  
¿Hablas inglés? (a-blas een-gles)  
¿Cómo se dice...? (ko-mo say dee-say...)  
¡Hola!  
¿Como estas? (o-la ko-mo e-stas)  
Estoy bien (e-stoy byen)  
Estoy cansado/a (e-stoy kan-sa-do)  
Estoy enfermo/a (e-stoy en-fer-mo/a)  
Tengo hambre (tan-go am-bre)  
Tengo sed (tan-go sed)  
Me llamo \_\_\_\_\_ (may ya-mo)  
Mucho gusto (moo-cho goo-sto)  
¿De dónde eres? (de don-de e-res)  
Soy de los Estados Unidos (soy de los e-sta-dos oo-nee-dos)  
¿Qué te gusta hacer? (ke te goo-sta a-ser)  
Me gusta jugar el fútbol (me goo-sta hoo-gar el foot-bol)  
Me gusta cantar (me goo-sta kan-tar)  
Me gusta tocar la guitarra/ el piano (me goo-sta to-car la gi-tar-a)  
¿Cuántos años tienes? (kwon-tos on-yos tye-nes)  
Tengo \_\_\_\_\_ años (tan-go \_\_\_\_\_ on-yos)  
Disculpa (dis-cool-pa)  
Con permiso (con per-mee-so)  
Lo siento (lo syen-to)  
¡Chao! (chow)  
¡Cuidate! (kwee-da-te)

## ON THE CONSTRUCTION SITE

Clavo (kla-vo)  
El martillo (el mar-tee-yo)  
El balde (el bal-de)  
La carretilla (la ka-re-tee-ya)  
El cemento (el se-men-to)  
Construir (con-stroo-eer)  
La pared (la pa-red)

## IN CHURCH

La iglesia (la ee-gle-sya)  
La alabanza (la al-a-ban-sa)  
Dios/Senor (dyos/ sen-yor)  
Jesús (he-soos)  
Orar (o-rar)  
Dios te bendiga (dyos te ben-dee-ga)

## PERSONAL CONVERSATIONS

¿Cómo va el día? (co-mo ba el dee-a)  
Estas trabajando tan duro (es-tas tra-ba-han-do tan doo-ro)  
¿Puedo orar para ti? (tpwe-do o-rar pa-ra tee)  
Oraré para ti (o-ra-re pa-ra tee)

Thank you  
Please  
Good morning  
Good afternoon  
Good evening  
Do you speak english?  
How do you say...?  
Hello!  
How are you?  
I am good  
I am tired  
I am sick  
I am hungry  
I am thirsty  
My name is \_\_\_\_\_  
Nice to meet you  
Where are you from?  
I am from the United States  
What do you like to do?  
I like to play soccer  
I like to sing  
I like to play the guitar/ the piano  
How old are you?  
I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old  
Excuse me/ Pardon me/ Forgive me  
Excuse me  
I am sorry  
Bye!  
Careful!

Nail  
Hammer  
Bucket  
Wheelbarrow  
Cement  
To construct/build  
Wall

Church  
Praise/Worship  
God  
Jesus  
To pray  
God bless you

How is your day going?  
You are working so hard  
Can I pray for you?  
I will pray for you