



QUITO WELCOME PACKET

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 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: 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.



FABIAN and MABE TAMAYO Fabian and Mabe are using their gifts of hospitality to manage the guesthouse and ministry of Casa Blanca for teams and interns. Casa Blanca serves as a home where travelers can be discipled and hear about what God is doing throughout the world. 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.



NATE and KELLEY TAUBE and FAMILY The Taubes decided the Lord was calling them to trade a view of the Chicago skyline for a view of the Andes mountains. Having grown up as a missionary kids (Argentina and Ecuador respectively), Nate serves as the coach for Casa Deportiva Cumbre Alta and Kelley as the counselor for the Alliance Academy. They moved to Ecuador because they believe God will use them to help kids know His love. They have two cute kids themselves!



INGRID and PABLO LOGACHO Ingrid is a social worker that has served as the Director of Casa Elizabeth since September 2014. Pablo works for Compassion International. They have a beautiful daughter named Daniela.

MEET THE TEAM: STATESIDE



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 husband John and brother-in-law Joseph who served with Inca Link as interns for two summers. Based out of Memphis, Tennessee she serves to oversee the pre-field preparation of the teams and interns.



OLIVIA JONES Olivia is our Social Media Promoter. As the daughter of Rich and Elisa Brown, she has been involved with Inca Link since it started but officially joined the team in September 2016. Based out of Maryland, Olivia uses her Spanish and journalism degrees to promote Inca Link on social media and is happy to be working with an organization she is so passionate about. After your trip, please e-mail Olivia your pictures!

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Post-trip e-mail Olivia (ojones@incalink.org) your pictures!*

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:

DAY CARE PROGRAMS Our day care programs will give you an opportunity to connect with children! Your goal is to love these kids like Christ loves them and encourage them to live for Christ. There are many different day care programs you could serve, including: programs for kids with special needs, after-school programs for at-risk street kids.

CASA ELIZABETH Casa Elizabeth exists to provide a safe transition home for teenage girls who find themselves in a crisis pregnancy. Teams can serve Casa Elizabeth by inviting some of the girls to come and minister along side of the team in the other ministry areas. Also, teams may choose to bless the home with needed repairs (painting, etc) or by helping to stock the closets with diapers, baby and maternity clothes.

CASA BLANCA Casa Blanca exists to be more than a place where you sleep and eat. Casa Blanca serves as a crossroads for discipleship, mentoring, and the sharing of what God is doing in your life with people from all over the world. You will have an opportunity to partner in this ministry by helping with maintaining and expanding the property.

CUMBRE ALTA Casa Deportiva Cumbre Alta is a sports club with the vision to become the most successful and biggest club in Ecuador, South America and the world, using sports as a vehicle to share Christ. Teams will have the opportunity to meet the team, scrimmage the team, and hold sports clinics for the youth in Quito.

CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS Your team will be serving the local indigenous churches in and around Quito. If you are given a construction project while in Quito, it will likely come out of a need from a local church/ local church family!

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 upon arrival. On the hour trip from the airport to Casa Blanca, you will receive a brief orientation.

SATURDAY

Breakfast
Devotional
Tour/ Vision Casting
Lunch
Ministry
Dinner Unpack/Rest/Shower
Debrief

SUNDAY

Breakfast
Devotional
Church
Lunch
Ministry/ Cumbre Alta Game
Dinner
Debrief

MONDAY- FRIDAY

Breakfast
Devotional
Construction/ Day Care
Lunch
Day care/ Construction/ Cumbre Alta Practice
Dinner
Debrief

SATURDAY

Breakfast
Devotional
Tourism
Lunch
Shopping
Dinner
Final Debrief

SUNDAY/ MONDAY

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 Typhoid shot. Yellow Fever is not required for your stay in Quito. We highly recommend bringing some sort of stomach/diarrhea medicine.

*Inca Link has recommended that **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:

- Anything is acceptable to wear to church except shorts or flip-flops.
- Sweatshirts or warm jacket is recommended for the cool evenings.
- Wear protective clothing on work sites.

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 (old jeans/ old t-shirts)
- Church outfit
- Warm jacket
- Toiletries
- Bible
- Journal
- Reusable water bottle
- Work gloves
- Closed toed work shoes (tennis shoes are fine)
- Shower shoes for Casa Blanca
- Sunscreen
- 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).

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 most likely be staying in Casa Blanca, which has twin bunk beds.

WHAT IS THE WEATHER LIKE? If the team stays in Quito, the weather will be warm and sunny (highs in the 80's) during the day and cool in the evenings (lows in the high 50's).

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. If you have any dietary restriction please inform us before you arrive in Quito so that we can be as prepared as possible for your arrival.

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 for some reason you can't find us or we are delayed, meet us near the Amazonia Cafe, which is to the right as you exit the final baggage claim checkpoint.

WHAT ITEMS CAN WE BRING TO DONATE? An updated ministries wish list will be provided to each team leader. This wish list is materials that each ministry director desires to help the progress of their ministries.

Cloth donations and second hand materials: In Ecuador we are so thankful for every donation and every piece of support that help further the ministries goals. We would kindly ask however that any cloth donations and or second hand donations be of decent quality. We never want to communicate with someone in need that our cast offs are okay for them but not okay for us. In this mindset we ask that if you would not wear it or if it is too messy for your child to wear it, please do not send it to Ecuador. The ministries will give out each donation and we want that to convey nothing but respect and love to those who are receiving the donation.

Donations and transportation: We are so thankful for the donations that the teams bring and the support that it brings to the ministries. We are able to fund a lot of what be do off of these material donations. In the past teams have brought donations down in suitcases and than leave these suitcases behind. This has been great because we can use those suitcases for storage. However, the dust, sun, and the oversized of the suitcases make it a little difficult. This year we are asking if you would be willing to use plastic totes, like the one pictured below, ones with thick plastic, a locking lid (good for flights), and with two wheels. We recognize that this may be an added cost and we never want to burden a team but if you were willing it would be greatly appreciated. These totes are much nicer for storage and have long-term use by the ministries. This particular tote pictured can be found at Wal-Mart for \$20 USD.



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)
¡Cuídate! (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