



May 2026

This summer Hope Bible Church (HBC) will be sending out a Short-Term Ministries (STM) team to serve in Ecuador, **August 10-17, 2026**. We will be working alongside HBC missionaries, **Juan and Marissa Moncayo**, and their church, **Iglesia La Fuente**, in **Quito, Ecuador**.

### Purpose

Juan and Marissa have asked us to use our ministry experience at HBC to strengthen the children and family ministries of La Fuente by:

- Equipping and assisting them in offering a VBS for their church and community.
- Providing a children's ministry workshop to help them grow in ministering to children.
- Encouraging parents interested in homeschooling with a panel discussion on various approaches to homeschooling.

Ecuador has long been under the influence of Roman Catholicism and secularism. As a result, many have an inaccurate picture of what biblical Christianity looks like in life and ministry. It is our prayer that our ministry this summer will advance God's kingdom and support the work of the church in Ecuador.

### Background

Juan is a native Ecuadorian and had been a member of HBC many years ago. Fourteen years ago, he returned to Ecuador to become the senior pastor of Iglesia La Fuente. Marissa and Juan met at The Master's University and have two children, Willow (4th grade) and Knox (2nd). They are involved in translating biblical counseling materials into Spanish as well as local ministries such as the Mercy Network (Children's Hunger Fund) and Shield and Seed Initiative (Escudo & Semilla), a ministry of La Fuente which ministers to orphans and at-risk kids.

Although predominantly Roman Catholic, Ecuador is no stranger to the gospel, starting with the bush pilots who gave their lives in attempting to reach the Auca tribe in 1956. Challenging the work of many faithful missionaries, false gospels have come to Ecuador and confused the true gospel with works-based Christianity. Plagued by government corruption and gang violence, Ecuador's greatest need is not political peace, but the power of God through the gospel of Jesus Christ to change the hearts of its people.

*Our team firmly believes we are part of a much greater work, and we invite you to partner with us in this ministry.* We value your prayers, most importantly, because we know that Christ's kingdom goes forth only through the work of His Spirit. We ask that you **faithfully commit to praying** for us as a team, that we could serve the Moncayo's and La Fuente by furthering the gospel in Ecuador, and that we might see Christ glorified in His church.

We also ask you to consider financially partnering with us. Our goal is to raise **\$12,000** to cover the expenses of sending our team and serving Iglesia La Fuente. All gifts are tax deductible. If you can contribute to this project, there are **two options to give**.

**OPTION ONE:** You can make a check payable to **Hope Bible Church** and return it to the following address, or drop it in the offering box at HBC on Sundays. Either way, please write **"Ecuador Project"** on the memo line to ensure that your financial gift is directed to this ministry opportunity. Mail-in checks should be returned to:

Hope Bible Church | 9112 Guilford Road | Columbia, MD 21046

**OPTION TWO:** You can give online. Simply go to <https://hopebiblechurch.org/giving> in order to make a donation. Click on "Make a Gift." Then, under "Gift Type," select "Give One Time." Under "Fund," select "Ecuador Project" and your gift will be applied directly to this project.

If possible, it would help our team's planning to have all of our financial support in hand **before August 1, 2026**.

Thank you for your partnership in this ministry to advance the Kingdom of Christ in Ecuador!

To God be the glory!

(left to right)  
Scott and Amy Keen  
Jeff and Hong Fein  
Sulma Pereira  
Elizabeth Mayborn  
Rachel and Gabe Powell



- ✓ Pray for our planning and preparation.
- ✓ Pray for God's provision financially for each team member.
- ✓ Pray that we would be humble, teachable, and gracious with one another.
- ✓ Pray for safety and an abundance of energy for a full week of ministry in-country.
- ✓ Pray for adjustments to cultural differences.
- ✓ Pray for flexibility as plans may change for whatever reasons.