

# Ecuador International Mission Trip Prayer Calendar

## August 1-9, 2024

Thank you so much for praying for the trip of 13 members of MVBC to Catacocha, Ecuador. We will be involved mainly in children's ministry, but there will be other teaching times as well.

**Our team members are:** Gary & Michelle Robertson, Amy Penner, James Estep, Mike Crone, Patty Altic, Michele Di Blasi, Leslie Van den Berg, Sadie Clay, Rob & Brendon Gorman, and Cathy & John Walters.

### Trip Prayers

- Pray for good health, safety, unity, and that the Holy Spirit will work in and through us.
- Pray that the Lord will give us wisdom in everything we do.
- Pray that God will be glorified in all we say and do.
- Pray that God will draw people to Himself.
- Pray for children and adults to understand the gospel and be saved.
- Pray for Jesus to prepare the hearts of those we will be working with.
- Pray that people will be set free from idol worship.
- Pray for our families while we are away that the Lord will care for them and give us peace as we leave them.

### August 1

*For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost. Luke 19:10*  
This is our theme verse for the trip. Please pray that the lost will be saved.

- Pray for safe travels. We have a very early flight from Richmond.
- Pray that we will make all of our connections.
- Pray that all of our luggage arrives with us.
- Pray that we will sleep well in the 5 different places we will stay over this 9-day trip.
- Pray for unity for our team.
- Pray for our adjustment to the higher altitudes.

### August 2

*Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. Luke 15:6-7*

- Pray for good health and safety on the trip.
- Pray for us as we fly in-country today to the area where we will be serving.
- Pray that the Lord will set people free from idol worship of the god, Reina del Cisne.
- Pray that the four Bible story teams (led by Leslie, Michelle D., Michelle R., and Sadie) will work well together.
- Pray that each of us communicates well.
- Pray that we will be able to display Christ to each person we encounter this week.

### August 3

*And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. Luke 15:9-10*

- Pray for us as we share The Lost Sheep and The Lost Coin from Luke 15 with over 50 children and some parents.
- Pray that they will understand the gospel and that the Lord will draw children and adults to Himself.
- Pray for the Lord to work in and through our lives today.
- Pray for flexibility and joy in Jesus.
- Pray that communication will go smoothly with our translators.
- Pray that we will be strong and healthy.



## August 4

*For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. Luke 15:24*

- Pray for us as we worship with Mision Haim Baptist Church led by Pastor Marlon.
- Pray for Gary as he preaches today on the Two Kingdoms – that people will truly understand the gospel and what it means to turn from the kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of God's light and salvation through Jesus.
- Pray for the team as each of us has various teaching roles.
- Pray for James as he teaches on forgiveness to the adults.
- Pray as we share the Prodigal Son with the children.
- Pray for Pastor Marlon as he leads Haim Baptist Church.
- Pray the Lord will bless him and his family.
- Pray the Lord's blessings on each member of the church.
- Pray that the Lord will use this church as a light in their community and many will see the Truth and come to Christ.

## August 5

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. Romans 1:16*

- Pray for the team as we share Bible stories in schools the next 3 days.
- Pray that we will speak and share in a clear manner so that students and teachers understand.
- Pray that we will have opportunities for one-on-one conversations with people to share Christ and encourage existing believers.
- Pray for strength, stamina, and good health.
- Pray that we will sleep well at night.

## August 6

*Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. Mark 8:34-35*

- Pray as we again share in schools today about The Lost Sheep, The Lost Coin, and the Prodigal Son.
- Pray that each student and teacher will know and understand that Jesus loves each one of them and wants a personal relationship with them.
- Pray that our teams will work well together and that we will be a blessing to one another.
- Pray for the town of Catacocha and that this entire area will be set free from the demonic influence of idol worship to Reina del Cisne. Pray they will know the life-saving hope of Jesus. Pray that the Holy Spirit will draw people to Himself.
- Pray for us to not become weary in teaching or in challenging circumstances.

## August 7

*When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matthew 9:36-38*

- Pray for our final day of teaching that we will have good health and stamina.
- Pray that the Lord will speak through each of our team and accomplish His purposes in our lives.
- Pray for the students and teachers who hear the stories today that the Lord will draw them to Himself unto salvation.
- Pray for wisdom as we work in different schools and encounter different settings.
- Pray as we have our last day in Catacocha that the Lord's purposes will be accomplished in and through us.

## August 8

*The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9*

- Pray as we have an early flight from Catacocha to Quito today.
- Pray for safely in all forms of travel today.
- Lord willing, we will be doing some sightseeing in Quito today.
- Pray the Lord's blessings on us as we enjoy His creation.
- Pray that we will have chances to be a light for Jesus today.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to speak to those who heard the gospel this week and that He will draw people to salvation.

## August 9

*Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20*

- We fly from Quito to Richmond today. Pray for safe travels and good health. Pray for good travel connections. Our flight arrives very late.
- Pray for us as we rest and adjust back to life at home.
- Pray for us as we share stories of our trip with others and as Pastor Gary shares with MVBC on Wednesday night, Aug 14.
- Pray for Mision Haim Baptist church and Pastor Marlon that the church will grow and the Lord will bless this area.
- Thank you for praying for us this week. May the Lord bless you for your faithfulness to pray.