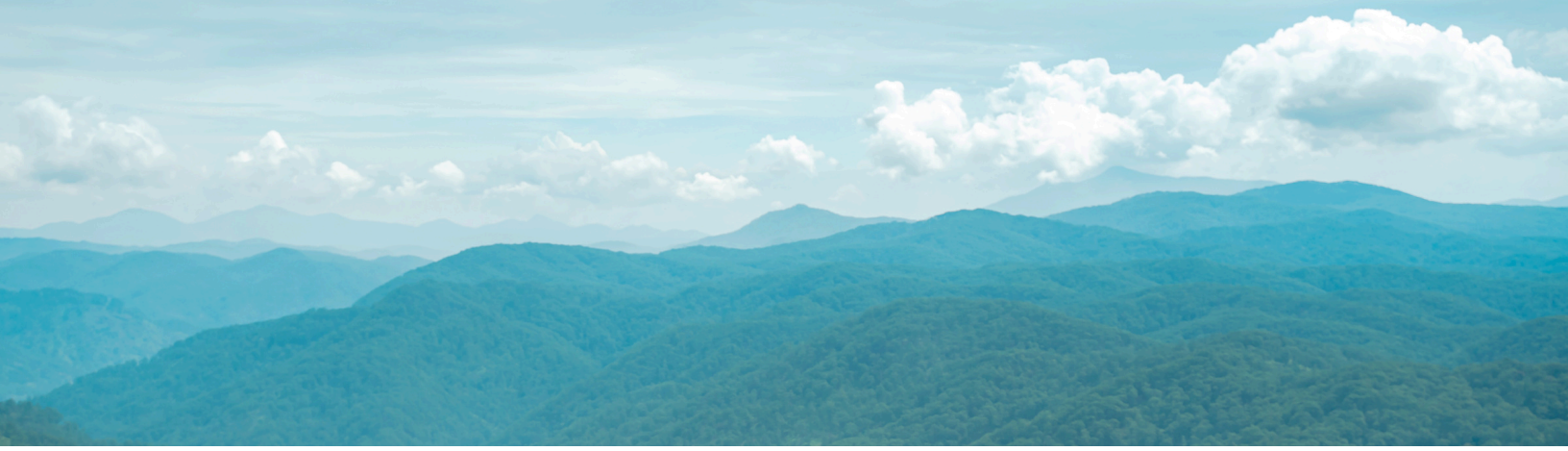




BILTMORE MISSIONS

ECUADOR | June 12-18





A NOTE FROM PASTOR BRUCE

For “everyone who calls on the Lord will be saved.” How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

Romans 10:13-15

Thank you for considering a short-term mission trip with Biltmore Church! This is more than an opportunity to visit a new place. It's an opportunity to participate in something much bigger than yourself. From the very beginning to the last few pages of Scripture, and throughout human history, God accomplishes His mission by sending people who do know Him to people who don't know Him.

The reality is, in our community and around the world, there are people who don't know, and have no access to the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ. This is why Biltmore Church embraces the mission. We exist to glorify God by making disciples of Jesus who reach up, reach in, and reach out. We have been saved out of our sin, into a family, and onto a mission. We go, not because God needs our help, but because He delights in inviting His children into his mission to reach the world with the gospel.

God is at work around the world and we want to send the people of Biltmore Church out to be a part of what He is doing. We take mission trips each year to encourage our partners, engage in the work they're doing, and disciple our people to have a heart for the nations. I'm praying that God uses this trip to stir your heart up for His mission here in Western North Carolina and around the world.

Pastor Bruce

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COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL

Trip Dates: June 12th, 2027 - June 18th, 2027

Type: Short-term, International, Evangelism

Cost: \$4000

Who can Go: Young Adults, Adults, Families

A NOTE FROM COMPASSION INT.

"We invite you to join Compassion International leaders on a soul-enriching trip to Quito, Ecuador's capital city, and its jungle regions. Witness the transformative work of God in children's lives—made possible through the heartfelt generosity of supporters like you and the ministry partnership between Biltmore Church and Compassion.

This trip is a heartfelt invitation to the Biltmore congregation—a way for us to say "thank you" and "come and see" the impact of your generosity. Biltmore Church has played a vital role in bringing hope to children in poverty—and now we invite you to see that impact firsthand.

In Ecuador you'll encounter the beauty of the land, the warmth of its people, and the powerful ways God is working through Compassion and the local church in a context of extreme poverty."

Field Partner Website: www.compassion.com

- **Religious Landscape:** Evangelical Christianity makes up 12-18% of the population. However, Roman Catholicism remains the largest tradition with 68-75% identifying as Catholic.
- **Cultural expectations:** Ecuadorian culture places a high value on relationships, family, hospitality, and respect. Visitors who take time to build genuine friendships, demonstrate humility, and show appreciation for local customs are often welcomed warmly. Team members should approach ministry with patience, flexibility, and a teachable spirit.
- **Evangelism method/strategy:** Three Circles
- **Sample schedule:** A typical day will include breakfast and a team devotion, followed by ministry activities. Teams will pause for lunch and continue experiencing Ecuador and spending meaningful time with their sponsored children. Evenings will be spent in debrief, dinner, and time to connect as a team.
- **Accommodations:** Teams will stay in hotels near their ministry areas.

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What's Expected

As a team member joining Compassion International, you will be an extension of their presence in the community. You'll help encourage families and children, learn more about the impact of sponsorship, and build meaningful connections. Other expectations include:

- **Honoring** - The way you interact with those who come from different backgrounds will shape how they perceive Jesus. Be intentional with your words, actions, and attitudes so that your conduct reflects Christ and removes any potential barriers to the Gospel.
- **Maintain flexibility** - Scheduled activities are subject to change due to various factors so maintaining a spirit of flexibility allows you to be open to any changes God may have for your team.
- **Care** - Approach each moment with a heart to care—whether for your own family, your teammates, or the children and families you meet through Compassion. Listening, encouraging, and serving together will strengthen your witness and unity.
- **Show Up** - Be present for all pre-trip and post-trip meetings as well as all in-country activities. We want you to make the most of your time as you engage the nations with the hope of the Gospel.

Requirements

- Must have a valid passport with at least six months of validity remaining when traveling internationally.
- Must get any vaccines required by the government.
- Must be able to walk an average of 20,000 steps per day
- Must complete kids ministry training.
- Must complete a background check.

Medications

- There are no medications required for this trip.
- Check the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) website for any recommended vaccines.

Visa / Passport

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Team Meetings (Minimum of 3):

- Team Building / Trip Vision
- Evangelism Training / Ministry Prep
- Logistics / Team Building
- Celebration Dinner & Debrief

Responsibilities

- Carry yourself at all times as a disciple of Jesus Christ.
- Engage with people from other cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds.
- Comfortability initiating and facilitating spiritual conversations.
- Commitment to hearing from God through His Word on your decision to go on this trip.
- Fundraising- It is your responsibility to fundraise the total amount required.

Fundraising milestones

We believe fundraising is a crucial part of your mission trip. It invites others to be a part of what God is doing around the world and in you as well as teaches you that God will provide the funds for your trip. Below you'll find your fundraising milestones for this trip. These milestones are not meant to be seen as obstacles that stand in your way but as celebration markers of God's faithfulness as you get closer to your trip.

- Milestone 1 (25%): 2/2/27
- Milestone 2 (50%): 3/4/27
- Milestone 3 (75%): 3/29/27
- Milestone 4 (100%): 4/28/27

Please note that you cannot begin fundraising until you have completed the application and interview process and been accepted. Once accepted, you will receive access to a personalized participant portal, which must be used for all fundraising efforts.

APPLY ONLINE

Biltmorechurch.com/missions

