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Please contact us if you have further questions: 1.615-251-3806

WELCOME

Dear Group Leader,

We are excited you will be joining us in Patate, Ecuador this year. We will be working with missionaries Steve and Carol Thompson in an effort to share the life-changing gospel in the communities where they are working in and around the Ambato area. Steve and Carol spent more than 10 years as IMB missionaries before switching to another sending agency called Global Outreach. They continue working with the Ecuadorian Baptist Convention, encouraging existing churches while leading those churches to plant new works. Steve and Carol have started more than 25 churches and currently are working with more than 10 new church plants.

This is a packet of information for the Ecuador project. It contains a lot of information that you will need to communicate to your group very carefully. Take some time to read it through and feel free to contact me at 615.251.3806 if you have any questions.

We believe this will be a life-changing experience for you and your youth. We pray that God will use our efforts to make an eternal difference in the lives of the Ecuadorian people.

Serving together for Kingdom causes,
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STEP 1: PRE-CAMP PROGRAM DETAILS

(Create your own Parent Pack from Step 1 and Step 2 below)

REGISTRATION POLICY AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE REGISTRATION POLICY FOR ALL LIFEWAY CAMPS

IMPORTANT REMINDER about the M-Fuge International registration process:

AN EARLY-REGISTRATION DEPOSIT of \$50 per person saves your spot and is due at the time of registration if registration takes place before January 15. The deposit is refundable if cancelled on or before January 15. **After that date, no registration money will be refunded.**

PERMANENT REGISTRATION PAYMENT (i.e., half of the remaining balance for the entire group) is due on January 15 and is non-refundable. The remaining balance is due in full by April 15. Any groups wanting to register after January 14th will be required to pay the amount due for permanent registration. No monies are refundable after January 15, regardless of the amount paid, nor may they be applied to any balance. All participating students must have completed 9th grade.

WHAT TO BRING

1. Appropriate clothing (see Dress Code section below). Some “grubby” clothes and tennis shoes for outdoor recreation. No laundry facilities are available at camp.
2. A Bible, journal, notepad, and pen.
3. Personal articles such as toothbrush and shampoo.
4. Camera and Film or Digital Camera (Disposable Cameras are hard to find and are very expensive.)
5. Spending money—campers do not need a lot of extra money. Too much money invites theft problems. A cantina will be open each night for snacks. A mission offering is taken during the week for those who want to give.
6. You will be able to purchase bottled water at the camp, but you may still wish to bring some with you.
7. Linens are NOT provided. You will need to bring twin sheets, towels, and a pillowcase. The camp will welcome any of these as donations after camp.

OTHER PACKING TIPS:

- Bring layering items ex: flannel shirts, sweatshirts, zip up lightweight jackets (the early mornings and late afternoons are quite cool in the mountains)
- Worship clothes can be casual
- Most ladies wear a skirt or a pair of nice slacks for church on Sunday
- Slacks or jeans for ladies are appropriate for daily wear
- Blue jeans (multiple days wear for each pair)

- Shorts can be worn for sports activities and for travel (even though shorts are beginning to appear, it is still not considered culturally appropriate for daily use)
- T-shirts
- Comfortable shoes (maybe an extra pair of simple tennis shoes, just in case)
- Bathing suits (use discretion)
- Personal toiletries, kleenex, chapstick
- Flip Flops for use in the showers
- Ear plugs (**Highly recommended**) **Ecuadorians love to party.**
If there is a party within a mile of one of our hotels, you will consider the earplugs your most prized possession
- Insect repellent
- Hat or cap, sunglasses (the sun is very intense, remember you are close to the Equator)
- Pencils and pens
- Disinfectant hand gel (Purell)
- Rain poncho, binoculars, work gloves
- A fanny pack is a welcome accessory to carry tracts, small Bibles, cameras, etc.
- Peanut butter and jelly for sandwiches during camp for those who don't want to eat the normal meals
- Other snacks, water bottle
- You may want to bring Dramamine, gas x, antacids, Immodium AD etc...
- Prepaid phone card (Sam's ATT, Sprint, or MCI are the only ones that will work in Ecuador)
- All of the outlets/voltage in Ecuador is the same as the US. So, you won't need adapters.

CAMP BIBLE STUDY THEME

THEME TITLE: MOVE

TAGLINE: The Faith Journey

THEME VERSE: Isaiah 40:31

STUDY FOCUS: Faith/Moses

DAY 1 // FAITH TO LET GO

Teaching Aim: Students will learn how faith requires trust and willingness on our part. When God calls, we must respond with action.

Study Passage: Burning Bush
Background: Exodus 3:1 – 4:17
Focal: Exodus 3:1-6, 10-17, 4:10-17

Key Verse: Exodus 4:12

DAY 2 // FAITH TO TAKE A STAND

Teaching Aim: Students will learn how faith requires perseverance and courage. We are to take a stand for Christ, even when uncomfortable or unpopular.

Study Passage: Plagues
Background: Exodus 7:14-12:50
Focal: Exodus 7:14-24, 10:1-20, 11:1-10

Key Verse: Exodus 7:16

DAY 3 // FAITH TO GO INTO THE UNKNOWN

Teaching Aim: Students will learn how faith sometimes requires going into the unknown. We are to take a risk for Christ and allow Him to work through us so His power will be displayed and He will get the credit.

Study Passage: Red Sea
Background: Exodus 13:17 – 14:31
Focal: Exodus 13:17-22, 14:10-18, 21-28

Key Verse: Exodus 14:13a

DAY 4 // FAITH TO WAIT

Teaching Aim: Students will learn how faith sometimes requires waiting. During this time, we are not to complain but depend on God to deliver.

Study Passage: Manna and Quail
Background: Exodus 16:1-36
Focal: Exodus 16:1-5, 13-15, 21-26

Key Verse: Exodus 16:12

DAY 5 // FAITH TO THE FULLEST

Teaching Aim: Students will learn how faith requires obedience. When we obey God, we will experience the full life He desires for us.

Study Passage: Ten Commandments
Background: Exodus 19:1-20
Focal: Exodus 19:3-6, 20:1-11, 12-17

Key Verse: Exodus 19:5

QUIET TIME FOCUS: Worship

SPECIAL NEEDS REQUESTS

Fuge takes the special needs of students and adults seriously. Meeting your needs and setting up your group for a great week of camp is important to us.

If one of your students has a special need that should be handled before camp starts, please call our camp toll free line (1.877.CAMP.123) and share that with our events registration team so that it can be handled properly. The special need can also be shared with us via email to fuge@lifeway.com.

If your student's need should be known by our camp staff at camp, you have the option of completing a "Special Attention Card" for your student so that this need can be addressed by the Fuge staff. You can print and fill out this card before camp, or you can fill it out on registration day at camp. You can find a copy of the Fuge Special Attention Card in the Appendix of this document.

NIGHT LIFE

Night Life at Fuge camps is a time for the whole camp to come together and get a little crazy. Each night has a different fellowship activity.

We don't want to ruin the surprise by telling you too much, but we will be having one Night Life where students and adults have the option of dressing up. The dress up night will have an athletic theme. Bring old gym uniforms, knee socks, sweatbands and anything else fun you can think of! You will have time to change into your dress up clothes before the Night Life begins that evening.

DAMAGES

Please be aware that your group is personally responsible for damages to any facilities including but not limited to the dorm room your group occupies. You will also be asked by the facility to pay for any lost keys.

M-FUGE INTERNATIONAL DRESS CODE

Our witness on the mission field is of the utmost importance. Please understand that the way that we dress will reflect directly on the missionary's ministry. The rules below are important and must be followed at all times. Please read carefully and make sure that your students and adults pack accordingly.

It is the Group Leader's responsibility to work with their youth groups to make sure these guidelines are met while at camp. Although it is not the responsibility of the M-Fuge staff to monitor the dress code, the camp director has the final say with regard to issues related to this matter.

Sunday Worship: On Sunday you may be visiting an Ecuadorian Church and participating in their worship services. Proper dress is slacks for guys and dresses, skirts or slacks for girls.

Minimum wear—crew neck T-shirt and long pants. Tightness Quotient—the looser the clothes, the better. Your clothing should reflect a Christian example.

Shorts MAY NOT be worn to ministry tracks.

Only closed toe shoes and closed heel shoes may be worn to ministry sites! No flip flops, no sandals, and no crocs!

While on the camp property modest shorts and t-shirts are acceptable. Modest pants, skirts and dresses are acceptable in worship, and jeans are always acceptable. Campers wishing to participate in possible on-stage opportunities will need to bring long pants or a long skirt. Tank tops are not acceptable. Immodest shorts or tops, spaghetti strap tops, distasteful designs or messages, and other extreme clothes are not acceptable at any time.

Body piercing (except for earrings on girls) is not acceptable in the Latin-American culture where we will be ministering. All males will be asked to remove these.

Please advise participants to leave valuable jewelry at home to avoid theft problems. Very simple jewelry is acceptable, but leave valuable jewelry at home. Married women are advised to simply wear their wedding rings and leave their engagement rings at home.

MISSIONS OFFERING

The summer of 2009 we will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Fuge missions offering. Students have given more than 8 million dollars and last year alone students gave over \$611,000. This mission offering goes to support the work of both the International Mission Board (IMB) and the North American Mission Board (NAMB).

These agencies have allowed us to target specific ministries with which students can identify. Our offering going to the IMB will continue to support the work of missionaries working with the Romany people in Central and Eastern Europe. More than 350 students responded last summer by going with their youth groups to minister and multiply the hands and feet of the Roma missionaries.

Our offering going to NAMB will help to support their Current Canada summer missions program. Current Canada is a partnership project between the North American Mission Board and the Canadian National Baptist Convention. This program is open to students who have completed the 11th grade or higher. You can check out their website at www.currentcanada.com.

You have the opportunity to pray, give, and go to help these people groups

learn about the gospel. A missions offering will be collected at camp this summer, we hope you will begin praying now about what your church group can give.

To find out more information visit the Fuge Missions website:

http://www2.lifeway.com/fuge/index.php/missions_offering/

SPONSOR QUALIFICATIONS

- In order to provide the best atmosphere and supervision, we ask that all groups bring 1 male sponsor for every 5 boys, and 1 female sponsor for every 5 girls.
- All sponsors must be at least 21 years old.
- Help enforce curfew and supervise clean up of your groups' housing.
- Aid in monitoring the dress code of your students.
- Encourage participation and promptness by setting an example.

CHURCH GROUP AND PARENT DEVOTIONS

Church Group Devotion is a time for each church group to be together in the evenings to debrief the day. This time usually lasts one hour. The Group Leader needs to determine what should be discussed or taught. The Fuge office provides devotions for this time which can be found on the Fuge website after April 1. Print this and bring it to camp with you, if you choose to use it.

Parent Devotions are also available on the Fuge website after April 1. This resource is for you to give parents so that they can follow along and know what your students are learning in Bible study.

AFTER CAMP BIBLE STUDY

This year, Fuge is providing an After Camp Bible Study that is designed to follow the camp experience. You can use it as Sunday school curriculum or for your mid-week events. There are three sessions of this study and it can be found on the Fuge website beginning April 1.

PACKING AND PASSPORTS

All groups will arrive on Friday night at the airport in Quito. Your program fee includes a stay in a hotel in downtown section of the city. We will depart from the hotel early on Saturday morning and make the 4 to 5 hour trip out to camp. To help make everything run smoothly and to cut down on packing and unpacking all of your luggage, we ask that all groups pack their carry on baggage with a change of clothes and what you will need for the night in the hotel. All large checked bags will be loaded up on a bus designated only for luggage and will go straight to camp. You will not see these bags again until you arrive

at camp!

REGISTRATION: Registration will take place as you arrive at the hotel in Quito. It is a simple check in process to verify the numbers you have in each group. All paper work and forms will not be taken from you until you arrive at camp.

PASSPORTS: PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED. We highly recommend that the passport process be started as soon as possible for everyone without an up-to-date passport (your passport must be valid for at least six months after the end of the trip). You may obtain a passport application at the following:

http://travel.state.gov/passport/download_applications.html

Exit Tax: The Ecuador government charges a \$40.80 airport exit tax (subject to change). This is NOT included in your program fee. This is payable on the day of departure at the airport. We strongly suggest that the Group Leader collect this from each participant and have this ready to give back to his/her students on the day of departure.

TRAVEL AND ARRIVAL

FLIGHTS: If you have not already done so, you need to schedule your flights. We are working with Joan Hazelwood (800.235.9384 ext 109 or jhazelwood@fellowship.com). Joan has worked hard on obtaining some zone fares and can help you take care of all of your travel needs. I also strongly suggest that you make contact with other travel companies and check their rates as well to ensure you are getting competitive rates.

HANDLING OF LUGGAGE: When you arrive at the airport in Quito we will place your large checked bags into either a truck or a bus that will leave the airport and go directly to camp. Please note! You will not see your large checked bags again until you arrive at camp. Each person should pack a change of clothing in their carry-on bags. We strongly urge that all prescription medications be packed in your carry-on bags.

Once you deplane in Quito, please wait until everyone has retrieved their luggage and come out as one big group.

Non US citizens from other countries who may be traveling with your group **must have** appropriate documentation that allows them to reenter the USA when you return home. If their documentation is not up to date they will not be allowed to re-enter the USA.

Plan to arrive in Quito on Friday. This is crucial if you are going to be met at

the airport by us. Those arriving earlier will have to meet us back at the airport or hotel in order to be transported out to the camp. Shuttle service will be provided from the airport to the camp. If you have any problems with travel, call Mark at the M-Fuge office at 615.251.3806. If you need to call directly to Ecuador, call the following number: **011-593-9-949-5122**. Those digits are all you need to call directly from a stateside phone. If you are in Ecuador and need to reach the missionary call: **09-949-5122**.

EXTENDING YOUR STAY OR COMING EARLY: If you are making plans to spend an extra time in Ecuador please note the following:

- o You will need to contact Mark Robbins so that extra nights at the hotel can be arranged.
- o Your group will be responsible for any additional nights spent in Quito.
- o You are responsible for making your own arrangements to get to and from the airport if you are arriving or departing on any day other than Friday evening for arrivals and Friday mornings for departures.
- o There is an additional charge for spending Thursday night at the camp that is NOT included in your program fee. The cost for the extra night is \$20 per person which includes breakfast at the camp.
- o If you have chosen to extend your stay the bus taking your group back to Quito can be utilized by groups to visit the Equator Monument. Entry into the park is about \$5 per person. There are about 30 to 50 shops located here where your group can buy souvenirs. The cost for using the bus for this part of the trip will cost your group between \$150 - \$200.
- o If you are extending your stay we strongly urge you to use one of Steve's translators to help you communicate with your bus driver and to help with other arrangements. You will need to take care of all of your translators expenses and to pay him/her an honorarium based on the time they spend with your group.
- o All meals on Friday are the group's responsibility.
- o Getting to the airport and all related to that on the day of departure is now your responsibility. This can be arranged with the hotel.

ARRIVAL IN QUITO:

You will arrive in the capital city, Quito, Ecuador. Upon arrival, you will deplane and go through Immigration and Customs. You will be met by our group waiting for you outside of the customs area and be guided to the buses.

The Quito Airport is similar to a stateside arrival. The airport facility is new

and quite user friendly.

1. You will be directed to the down escalator, which leads to immigration.
2. You will get in line for the immigration check. There are usually 6-8 agents working, but there are usually 4-6 planes that land within a 30-minute time frame. The lines can be quite long.
3. As you leave immigration and walk toward the baggage area, there are baggage carts available for a \$1 rental.
4. There are 3 baggage carrousel. Your bags could end up on any or all areas. Keep looking. It would be good to put some external labeling on your bags (a large tag, or a colored ribbon that all team members would recognize for easy identification).
5. When your group has found all their luggage and is ready to leave the baggage area, you will file through the customs area. Stay together. When a group stays together, many times everyone will be waved straight through.
6. As you clear customs and begin to leave the terminal building, one of the baggage handlers will help each one of you that has rented a baggage cart. This is an airport regulation. If you are pulling your own bags or carrying your own bags, you can leave the terminal without the assistance of a baggage handler. **Baggage handlers will expect a tip! Be prepared and have small bills to tip them.**
7. When you leave the Customs area you will see a large group of people waiting behind a roped off area. Look for someone holding a sign that reads "M-Fuge." We will get your attention to assure that we are present to receive you.
8. As the first of your group clears the crowd, we will walk that person to a gathering place outside the building. When your group is reunited and all bags are accounted for, we will walk about 200 yards to the bus that we have contracted. The bus(es) will carry us directly to the Hotel we will stay in for Friday night.
9. We will load all large bags onto designated buses that will go directly to camp. Only your carry on will accompany you to the hotel.

IMMIGRATION INFORMATION

You will be given an Immigration Form on the plane. This needs to be filled out completely. You will be asked to put where you will be staying while in the country. Please put the following information:

Campamento Bautista
Patate, Ecuador
Telephone number 09-814-0205

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Upon registration, please advise the M-Fuge director of any known medical conditions, such as asthma or diabetes. If there is any information our staff needs to be aware of but is not listed on the consent form, please attach additional sheets. We cannot seek medical attention without this form. Youth leaders should also bring the following items: Tylenol, Benadryl, rubbing alcohol, Band-Aids, and any other first aid items you think you may need. All prescription medications should be brought as well in your carry-on baggage!

IMMUNIZATIONS

The Medical Department at the International Mission Board can be reached at 800.999.3113. You should call them to inquire about recommended immunizations when traveling to Ecuador.

PARTICIPANT FORM INFORMATION

Every person coming to camp (adult sponsors and students) needs to complete two Fuge Participant Forms. Both copies need to be notarized. You can find the Ridgecrest Participant Form in the Appendix of this document.

If for some reason, a student or adult in your group does not want to provide their social security number, please have them complete the “Refusal/Absence of Vital Information Form” that can also be found in the Appendix of this document.

You must also fill out the Group Participants and Insurance Form that can be found in the Appendix of this document.

More information on these forms can be found in the “Arrival at Camp” section in Step 3.

STEP 2: LOCATION DETAILS

CONTACT INFORMATION

CONTACT ON THE FIELD: Steve and Carol Thompson

EMAIL: hermonoesteban@gmail.com

CAMP EMAIL ADDRESS (not active until May 15): ecuadormfuge@gmail.com

BEFORE MAY 15 CONTACT:

MARK ROBBINS: 615.251.3806, mark.robbins@lifeway.com

FACILITY INFORMATION

HOUSING: Housing is bunk house style with large bathrooms in each side of the bathhouse. You will need to bring linens. Pillows and blankets are provided. We suggest that you donate your sheets and towels to the camp to be used in their on going ministry.

MISSIONARY INFORMATION

We will be working with Steve and Carol Thompson. The Thompson's have been serving for more than 20 years in Ecuador. They began their career as Southern Baptist missionaries working through the International Mission Board. For the last year they have been raising their own support and serving through an organization called Global Outreach.

Steve and Carol have served with distinction and have started more than 20 Baptist churches. You will be challenged and encouraged as you go to serve with them and help to multiply their hands and their feet.

The items below are things can be used while you are in Ecuador as well as things that can be left to bless the work and our missionaries. Groups within your church family will find this is a way they can be a part of your work and your ministry. We suggest that these be brought in with you and can either be mixed in with your luggage or groups can designate one of the two suitcases that each participant brings to be used for supplies. This is a list to get you started and we may need to send you an updated list as we get closer to the time of the project.

- Large jars of Peanut butter
- Gator Aid powder mix
- Pre-Sweetened Kool-Aid
- Paper plates
- Brown paper sacks for crafts
- Beads (power bracelet color beads, and other various colors for extra bracelets)
- Pipe cleaners (can be used as bracelets)

- Construction paper
- Tape (scotch, masking, duck)
- Markers (both for coloring and Sharpies of various colors)
- Yarn
- Googly eyes
- Glue (glue sticks are better)
- Ziploc bags (small)
- Felt pieces of various colors
- Confetti pieces
- Cotton balls
- Popsicle sticks
- Animal balloons
- Animal balloon pumps
- Grease crayons (in place of actual face paint..works great)

MONEY

Ecuador uses U.S. Currency. **We suggest you bring American currency.** This means you can bring a \$10 bill from the U.S and they will give you change in U.S funds. You will want to bring extra spending money for snacks (ice cream, cokes, etc.), gifts and souvenirs (camera film, souvenirs from the Equator, balsa carvings, leather goods, etc.), tips (for the cook, bus driver, baggage handlers, etc.), and love offerings (church offering times, etc.). There is a local hotel fee for contacting the ATT long distance operator.

ATMs are available, BUT are not located anywhere near camp. Again, **We suggest you bring American Currency.**

We highly recommend that you record the numbers of your VISA, MasterCard, and/or checks that you have brought in case they are lost or stolen so that a stop payment can be placed on these. American dollars are accepted here, but coins are not.

The vast majority (90%) of the stores in Ecuador **do not** accept credit cards. And if they do, they will not bargain with you and you will have to pay the price they are asking. In some cases, they may even require that you pay 10% more to cover the credit card transaction fee they have to pay. **Traveler's checks cannot be used and are very difficult to cash.**

PASTOR AND WORSHIP LEADER

Pastor and Worship Leader pictures and bios can be found on the Fuge website, click [HERE](#) to see who is at your location.

CAMP SCHEDULE

Groups will depart from the states and will arrive on Friday evening in Quito, Ecuador. There are no meals provided on the day of your arrival. Upon arrival we will meet your group and take you to a Hotel in the center of the city where you will spend the night. The cost of the hotel is included in your program fee. Saturday morning, after breakfast at the hotel we will board buses that will take us out to Camp Chacauco located just outside the city of Ambato—about a four to five hour trip south of the city of Quito. Upon arrival you and your group will eat lunch Saturday and then move into your lodging. We will have a welcome celebration which will begin shortly after dinner. Sunday morning groups will travel together to experience and be a part of worship at local Baptist churches. After lunch in the city of Ambato, we will travel back to camp where we will meet in our track groups for orientation and training in the afternoon and worship in the evening. Monday through Thursday we will begin each day with Bible study led by your ministry track leaders followed by a send-off celebration as we head out to surrounding communities to do ministry projects. Worship each evening followed by church group devotions.

Thursday evening: Is the last day of camp. After worship and church group devotions we will meet again for a short closing celebration. All groups will depart late Thursday evening and take an overnight trip back to Quito directly to the airport to catch your early morning flights on Friday morning.

Our camp schedule is different from stateside! Please note the following:

FRIDAY: Groups arrive in Quito and are transported to a hotel where they will spend the night on Friday night. The cost of the hotel is included in your program fee.

SATURDAY: Groups will travel by bus out to the camp. The camp is about a four to five hour bus drive from Quito. The camp where your group will be staying is called “Campamento Baptista Chacauco.” The camp is just outside of the city of Ambato.

SUNDAY THROUGH THURSDAY: Groups will spend time in Bible study, ministry and worship.

WEDNESDAY: After ministry tracks groups will travel directly with their teams to the city of Banños to experience the culture and do some shopping. We will hold a worship experience in the park before heading back to camp.

THURSDAY EVENING: Groups will depart for the airport for their early morning flights unless you have made arrangements to depart on a different day. You must be at the airport at least 3 hours before departure.

M-FUGE MINISTRY TRACKS

Upon arrival at registration, your M-Fuge students can sign up for their ministry track for the week. They will participate in these ministries in the afternoon each day. Their options are:

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

This ministry track involves working with children in a variety of settings. These tracks could include Vacation Bible Schools, Backyard Bible Clubs, Day Camps, and other site-specific work with children. The purpose of this track is to minister to children, providing your students with the opportunity to teach and lead children in telling Bible stories, making crafts, and playing games.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

This ministry track involves a variety of ministry opportunities for meeting the physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual needs of people. This track ministers to the following populations and organizations: mentally/physically handicapped centers, homeless shelters, soup kitchens, food banks, clothing closets, furniture distribution centers, refugee ministries, centers for teaching adults and children English as a second language (ESL), prison ministries, Baptist Centers, Salvation Army Sites, and other community organizations with like purposes.

PAINTING, CONSTRUCTION, AND YARDWORK MINISTRY

Students in this track will spend their week building houses, roofing, repairing, cleaning, painting, and doing yardwork. These tracks work with various organizations such as Habitat for Humanity and the local housing authorities.

CREATIVE MINISTRY

This ministry track uses the gifts and abilities of students by ministering through drama, interpretive movement, puppets, clowning, singing, and other ministry performances. Students in this track will spend their week traveling to nursing homes, children's centers, residential homes, beaches, parks, and other places where they will be able to minister creatively.

GAMES AND RECREATION MINISTRY

This ministry track is designed to train students who are willing to play with a purpose. These tracks are located in children's centers or homes, apartment complexes, and boys and girls clubs. Students are taught to use their athletic ability and willing hearts not for their own glory, but for the glory of God. Many groups minister in inner city situations where the gospel is shared through sportsmanship and Christ-like attitudes.

MISCELLANEOUS OTHER INFORMATION

LUGGAGE: Double check with your travel agent and airline for the correct amount of luggage pieces you will be allowed on your flight. We have found that this can vary depending on the time of the year. Be prepared to pay over-age fees for overweight and extra pieces of baggage. At the present time American allows 2 pieces of checked luggage at 50 lbs. apiece while other airlines may only allow 2 pieces of luggage at 44 lbs. apiece.

IMPORTANT REMINDER! Have the security people at the airport hand check your camera and film. The X-ray equipment at the airport can damage your exposed film and ruin your new film.

TOILETRIES: In general, bring all toiletry items with you. Remember shampoo, deodorant, shaving cream, bath soap, lotions, make-up, tampons/sanitary napkins, and others you think would add to your comfort and enjoyment. We recommend bringing some Band-Aids, peroxide and anti-bacterial creams. Individually wrapped hand cleaner (Wet Wipes or a disinfectant lotion) are nice to have. Be sure to bring plenty of sunscreen and insect repellent.

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS: All prescription medications SHOULD be packed in your carry on baggage. DO NOT pack these in your checked bags!

SHOES: Shoes get rough treatment here. Consider bringing a pair that you may want to discard before you leave. You will probably do a lot of walking (not on sidewalks) and shoes will get dirty. There may be times when you will be walking in mud. Consider comfort and durability. Athletic shoes and rugged sports shoes are the favorite.

DIARRHEA: Travelers are highly susceptible to this problem. It is quite commonplace, and you should not be embarrassed because you develop it. Imodium AD is a good medication to bring along to use to control the problem. Your physician may suggest others.

PROMISES/GIVING CHANNELS: Promises made but not kept by volunteers create many problems, particularly for your missionaries. Please clearly communicate when you are asked to provide an item by saying, "I cannot do that" instead of saying "I'll see." Your heart will be touched by need. Recognition that you cannot meet every need will help you deal with the issue. Please consult with missionaries before making any promise or giving any gift.

GIFTS: Remember you cannot give a gift to everyone you meet on site, even though in your heart you will want to share. There will be mobs of people if you start giving out candy or pencils. However, many things like pencils and crayons can be left with a church or missionary for general use. Monetary gifts to individuals can often do more harm than good. Please check with

missionaries before giving gifts or anything directly to locals. Ball point pens, baseball caps, key chains, or other souvenir-type items from the USA or your state would be fitting gifts for a pastor you work with most, your interpreter, or possibly two or three other special people with whom you have worked.

It is not a given that gifts must be taken to missionaries. However, it is a nice gesture to the missionaries if you take some American goodies which are not available in Ecuador. Items which are always appreciated are magazines, videotapes of recent movies, new grocery items, candy bars, peanut butter, snack crackers, ready-to-eat cereals, powdered drink mixes such as Kool-Aid or Gatorade, Elmers glue, construction paper, and dry mixes such as salad dressings, meat marinades or sauces, jelly, pepperoni for pizzas. We know for a fact that the missionaries love Dr. Pepper and it is not available in Ecuador. Toy-etry items are also expensive and stateside brands very difficult to find.

THE COUNTRY AND CITY: Ecuador is called the “land of eternal spring”. Although you will be south of the equator you will also be about 6 to 9 thousand feet above sea level. Most mornings begin like a spring day with cool temperatures in the low 60’s. By noon it will become a warm summer day, especially in the direct sun with temperatures in the low 80’s. Late afternoon and anytime the sun is blocked by clouds it will feel like a fall day with temperatures ranging from the 60’s to mid 70’s. Late evening, the temperatures can drop into the 40’s and 50’s. Missionaries recommend that you ‘layer’ your clothing, by wearing a light jacket, flannel shirt, sweatshirt, or sweater that can be removed when temperatures rise or replaced when temperatures fall.

Ecuador boasts a population of more than 12 million with the vast majority of the people situated in the two major cities Quito and Guayaquil. The closest large city to the camp is called Ambato and has a population of about 200,000. Patate, is a small pueblo about 30 minutes from Ambato and only has a surrounding population of about 10,000.

In general, Ecuador has legal freedom of religion, though that is not always the attitude of the local community. Evangelical churches are growing at phenomenal rates. Ministry to Ecuador’s students is vital, since over 65% of the population is under 25 years of age.

While some Ecuadorians know English, the language most widely used is Spanish. You may not understand everything you hear, but interpreters will be there to help you communicate as much as possible. In order to make translation easier, speak in short phrases, clearly and distinctly. Do not use North American colloquialisms or phrases or North American idioms.

STORIES AND ILLUSTRATIONS: One major communication problem is the use of illustrations which are American in context and content. They may have never been caught in a blizzard, been to US restaurants, or be familiar with

the same famous people. Many have never been in an airplane, driven a car, or gone to the beach for vacation. Keeping illustrations simple and universal will enhance their effectiveness.

Some of the more helpful Spanish words and phrases include the following:

Buenos Días. — Good morning

Buenas Tardes. — Good Afternoon

Buenas Noches. — Good Evening

¿Cómo está usted? — How are you?

Muy bien, gracias. — Very well, thank you.

¿Cómo se llama? — What is your name?

Me llamo (insert name)—My name is

Con mucho gusto. — Pleased to meet you.

Hasta luego. — See you later.

Venga. — Come here.

¿Cuántos años tiene? — How old are you.

Tengo (insert number) años. — I am _____ years old.

Gracias. — Thank you.

Mil gracias. — A thousand thanks.

De nada. — You are welcome.

Perdóname. — Pardon me.

Lo siento mucho. — I'm very sorry.

¿Que necesita? — What do you need?

Botella — Bottle

Tarjeta — Card

Dios te ama. — God loves you.

Dios le bendiga. — God bless you.

La Biblia — The Bible

Cantemos. — Let's sing.

Hable más despacio, por favor — Please speak slowly.

Sonríe. Cristo le ama — Smile. Christ loves you.

Es muy bonita — You are very pretty or it is very pretty.

Por favor — Please

PERSONAL SECURITY: Personal security is related to wisdom of actions. Just as you would not walk the downtown streets of any major American city at night, it is wise to follow the same practices while you are overseas. Neither should you wear expensive watches or flash a lot of cash. Safety is not an issue of major concern when you exercise good judgment. Follow the advice of nationals and missionaries about what you should do and where you should go.

SHARING YOUR EXPERIENCES AT HOME: One of the most positive things about short-term mission trips is the spiritual renewal which many volunteers experience, many report a fresh commitment to personal witnessing in their home communities. Others have discovered a spiritual gift during their volunteer project. Most will have opportunities to share mission stories seen with their own eyes and heard with their own ears. Soon after returning home, set

aside a special time for sharing your experiences with your family, friends and your church. Don't forget to acknowledge people at home who supported you financially and who were so faithful in supporting you through their prayers. Then write thank-you notes to those who were helpful during your visit overseas.

STEP 3: ARRIVAL AT CAMP

ARRIVAL AT CAMP

When you arrive to camp this summer, you will need to bring the following with you (all of which are included in this document):

1. Two notarized M-Fuge International Participant Forms (medical release form) for each camper and sponsor. Please bring them separated into two sets. One complete set of forms will be turned in upon arrival to Fuge and the other set is to be kept with the Church Group Leader at all times.
 - A. These forms **MUST** be notarized **within 30 days of travel to Ecuador**. This means you cannot have these forms notarized until you are within 30 days of your departure time.
 - B. Please attach a photocopy of passport (picture page only) and a photocopy of their insurance card to each form.
 - C. **This form also serves as a parental release form** for all minors traveling with your group. This form **MUST** be signed by **BOTH** parents. The guidelines below should be followed carefully to avoid problems:
 - If traveling with someone other than both their parents or legal guardians, the **Fuge Medical Release Form** must be signed by **both** parents or **both** legal guardians.
 - If the parents are divorced, a notarized letter of travel consent from the parent who has **sole** custody of the minor **and** a copy of the court decree which shows that same parent has sole custody.
 - If a parent is deceased, a copy of their death certificate.
 - If the minor holds a birth certificate which shows only one parent, then nothing is required from the parent not shown on the birth certificate. A certified notarized copy must be attached to this form.
2. Registration checklist. Please print this checklist (found on the page below), complete it, and bring it with you to camp. You will need to also fill this out and send it to the Fuge office by **April 1**.
3. Group Participants and Insurance Form: This form, which is essential for providing supplemental insurance for your group, must be filled out completely and returned to the M-Fuge International office by **April 1**. Also bring a copy of this to camp with you.

Remember that your final payment is due April 15, 2009.

M-FUGE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

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Complete this sheet and fax to the Fuge office at 615.251.5699 no later than April 1, 2009.

Church Name _____ Group Leader _____
Person traveling with the group

Church Phone () _____ - _____ Group Leader Cell phone () _____ - _____
Cell phone number you will be carrying the day of the trip!

Please bring a copy of this sheet with you to camp.

- I have read the Group Leader Information, and I am familiar with its contents.
- Each camper has his or her own passport (Needed three months before departure!)
- Notarized Ecuador **M-FUGE MEDICAL RELEASE** and **PARENTAL CONSENT FORM** for all campers and adult sponsors. (Two original copies brought to camp with a copy of the picture page of passport attached or a copy of the original certified birth certificate. No one will be allowed away from camp without this form!)
- I have **FAXED** my **GROUP PARTICIPANT** and **INSURANCE** form to the Nashville office (by April 1, 2009—if this is late, your group may not get t-shirts and Bible study books before leaving for camp.)
- I will fax this Checklist by April 1, 2009.
- All monies paid to the Fuge office (by April 15, 2009).
- Immunizations needed and received for each participant (Please check with your local health department or with the Medical Department at the IMB.)

GROUP INFORMATION

	Identified by male/female:		Identified by age:	
	Male	Female	_____	# of Students (under age 15)
Campers	_____	_____	_____	# of Students (ages 15-20)
Adult Sponsors	_____	_____	_____	# of Sponsors (must be at least 21)
Total	_____	_____	_____	Total

IDENTIFIED BY NUMBER OF T-SHIRT SIZES

_____	Small	_____	X-Large
_____	Medium	_____	XX-Large
_____	Large	_____	XXX-Large

APPENDIX

Fuge Special Attention Card
Refusal/Absence of Vital Information Form
Group Participants and Insurance Form
M-Fuge International Participant Form

SPECIAL ATTENTION CARD

CAMP LOCATION: _____

CAMP DATES: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____ AGE: _____

CHURCH NAME: _____

GROUP LEADER: _____

BIBLE STUDY LEADER: _____

DESCRIPTION OF NEED: (use space below as needed)

Please provide information that will help us to better minister to this student. *DO NOT disclose any confidential information.*

FOR FUGE USE ONLY

PROVIDE DETAILS OF WAYS YOU MINISTERED SPECIFICALLY TO THIS STUDENT.

PROVIDE ANY CHANGES NOTED OR ACTIONS TAKEN ON THE PART OF THE STUDENT.

PROVIDE COMMENTS TO GROUP LEADER ABOUT THIS STUDENT.

STAFF SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

REFUSAL//ABSENCE OF VITAL INFORMATION

To LifeWay Christian Resources:

Please let this serve to confirm that, despite LifeWay's request for such information, I am unable or refuse to provide a Social Security number in connection with the medical release for my child. I understand that the absence of this information in the medical release could cause delays or other problems in securing medical attention for my child. To induce LifeWay to permit my child to participate in the camp and related activities despite the absence of such information, I hereby release LifeWay Christian Resources, its employees, agents and contractors, and hold them harmless from and against any and all claims for any and all damages and expenses relating to LifeWay's failure to have this information.

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:

X. _____

DATE: _____

PRINTED NAME AND ADDRESS:

NOTARIZATION REQUIRED

NOTARY PRINTED NAME:

SIGNATURE:

DATE: _____

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GROUP PARTICIPANTS/INSURANCE FORM

Church: _____ Phone: _____

Group Leader: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Pastor's Name: _____ Pastor's Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Contact's Phone: _____

(This should be someone not traveling with the group who will have pertinent information about everyone in the group.)

PARTICIPANT ROSTER

PLEASE FILL THIS OUT AND RETURN WITH BALANCE DUE APRIL 15

Please alphabetize according to last name and print clearly. This information is vital for insurance purposes and ministry project planning. Birthdate is absolutely required.

Name (Last, First, MI)	M?F	Birthday	Beneficiary
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INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL RELEASE AND PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

Bring **two notarized originals** of this sheet to registration. Attach a photocopy of the participant's passport picture page (or a photocopy of the **certified** birth certificate) AND a copy of insurance form or card to each notarized original.

Participant Name _____ Age ____ Date of Birth ____/____/____ SS# _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Name of Church _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
In case of an emergency notify: _____ Phone Numbers-- Home:(_____) _____
Work: (_____) _____ Mobile:(_____) _____ Pager:(_____) _____ Other:(_____) _____

MEDICAL PROFILE

Generally, participant's health is: (Check one) Excellent Good Fair Poor

If Fair or Poor, please explain your condition: _____

List any medical difficulties for which you are currently being treated: _____
Check any of the following that cause you problems and explain: Asthma ____ Sinusitis ____ Bronchitis ____ Kidney Trouble ____ Heart Trou-
ble ____ Diabetes ____ Dizziness ____ Stomach Upset ____ Hay Fever ____
List any medicines or substances to which you are allergic: _____
List any previous operations or serious illnesses _____
List any medications you are currently taking: _____

List any special diet or special needs: _____
Childhood Diseases: Chickenpox Measles Mumps Whooping Cough Other _____
Date of Tetanus Immunization: ____/____/____
Family Physician _____ Phone (_____) _____
Insurance Co. _____ Policy # _____
Subscriber Name: _____ Subscriber Number _____ Place of Employment _____
Subscriber Occupation: _____ Work Phone: (_____) _____

PERMISSION FOR TRAVEL ABROAD, MEDICAL TREATMENT, PHOTOGRAPH/VIDEO NOTICE, AND RELEASE AND INDEMNITY

My permission is granted for the camp or event director, church official, any camp or event staffer, or adult present or in charge of First Aid, to obtain necessary medical attention in case of sickness or injury to my child. Also, I understand that as a participant, my child may be photographed or videotaped during normal camp or event activities and these photos/videos may be used in promotional materials. I, the undersigned, do hereby verify that the above information is correct and I do hereby release and forever discharge LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention, camp or event sponsors, or state conventions and their employees from any and all claims, demands, actions or causes of action, past, present, or future arising out of any damage or injury while employed by or participating in this camp or event. I agree to indemnify LifeWay for any and all claims, demands, damages, injuries, costs, suits or causes of action, past, present, or future, arising out of or caused by my child while participating in this camp or event or while on property leased or owned by LifeWay. I, the undersigned, do hereby grant permission and give my consent for my child to travel abroad. I am fully aware of their travel itinerary, the chaperones accompanying my child, and their travel plans upon arrival within the country. They will be traveling to:

_____ from ____/____/____ to ____/____/____.

Complete and sign below (youth under 18 years of age requires Parent/Legal Guardian signatures of both parents.)-

Participant's Signature _____ Date: ____/____/____
Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____ Phone () _____ Date: ____/____/____
Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____ Phone () _____ Date: ____/____/____

Notary Acknowledgement (Notary: Please affix seal on both sheets.)

State of _____
County of _____

Personally appeared before me, _____, with whom I am personally acquainted, and who acknowledged that he/she executed the within instrument for the purposes therein contained.

Witness my hand this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary signature: _____
My commission expires: _____