



OperationEcuador

SPRING 2022

During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Acts 16:9-10

## TWO NEW QSOBS TEAMS HIT THE GROUND

One of the measures of a mission's effectiveness rests on the creation of what Van Rheenen dubs "reproductive fellowships."<sup>1</sup> It is interesting to note that most of the church plants birthed by QSOBS graduates do not fall under the supervised 10-year model. What we are aware of, though, is that most of these 25+ congregations are an indirect consequence of those initial churches planted under QSOBS's 10-year model. Teams coordinated by the QSOBS not only plant the initial church in their target area but develop new works from that targeted base, fulfilling OE's mantra of "reaching all of South America one person, village, city, nation at a time."

Since 2015, OE began vocational training at the QSOBS and pivoted its efforts toward bi-vocational mission. By God's help we have been able to plant seven new churches under the ten-year model program. This averages one new church per year, a trend God would love for us to keep up!

The characteristics that distinguish these new works are, 1) they are made up of a team that works together and models a plurality of leadership to local leaders. 2) They are bi-vocational from the onset, learning and modeling a balance of work and ministry, a lifestyle which makes up 61% of all QSOBS graduates.<sup>2</sup> 3) Each work has a U.S. partnering church that comes alongside the team spiritually and financially, assisting with a micro-business startup and



**Pereira Colombia Team with GCM Partners**  
Families: Rosillo, Correa, Hernandez, and Velazquez

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half salary for a ten-year period. This dynamic represents a “cooperative model of mission,” a term Latin American theologian Samuel Escobar uses to describe churches from rich nations adding “their material resources to the spiritual resources of the churches in poor nations to reach a third area.”<sup>3</sup>



**Salinas, Ecuador Team**  
Families: Rivas and Canelon

In January of this year, for the first time, Great Cities Missions partnered with the QSOBS's Pereira, Columbia team. This team of four families—two Colombian, one Venezuelan, and one Ecuadorian—celebrated the church's official inauguration in the district of Cuba-Pereira. Because of their dedication and good partners lifting them up, we know this work will be another important kingdom outpost in Colombia's population of more than 50 million people.

Likewise, in this month of June, we were able to launch our team of two families to the coastal city of Salinas, Ecuador. Praise be to God, the Northside Church of Christ in Wichita Kansas answered the petition we posted in last year's OE bulletin. We should never forget that God will stir and move his people to answer calls either to Macedonia or Salinas. The Rivas and Canelon families are of Venezuelan descent and of such caliber that upon graduation last year, Director Albarracin asked that they remain another year interning at the QSOBS.

Be praying for these teams and the work that God wants

*Joshua K. Marcum*

<sup>1</sup> Gailyn Van Rheen, Missions (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1996), 148.

<sup>2</sup> Joshua Marcum, “Support Status of QSOBS Graduates,” (Handout for lecture, Snyder, TX, OE Summit, Oct 22, 2021).

<sup>3</sup> William D. Taylor, ed., Global Missiology for the 21st Century: The Iguassu Dialogue (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2000), 34.

## So That Others Might Hear

### Memorials:

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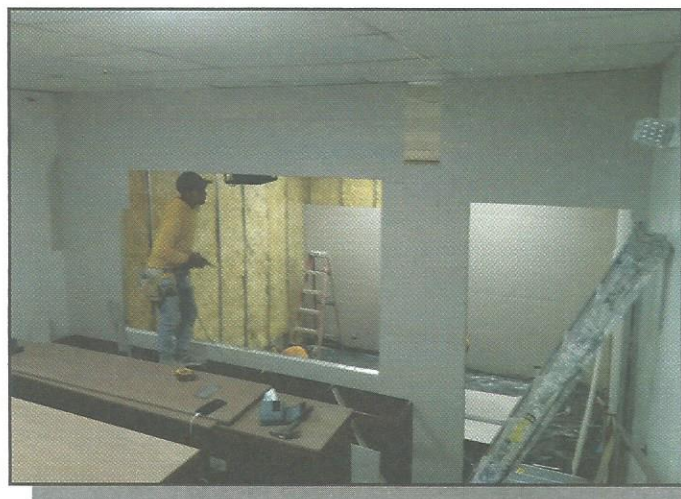
One of Director Oswaldo Albarracin's goals for the 2022-2023 year has been to design and implement an audio-visual ministry from QSOBS to Latin America. It aims to broaden students' oratorical skills about spiritual matters, reaching either the public interested in such content or providing the church with quick, quality resources for evangelism and discipleship.

Thanks to many of you who read of this need or were at last year's OE Summit, we have finished remodeling the AC Gibson into a sound room and have purchased most of the necessary equipment to launch this innovative ministry. Joe Albarracin, Oswaldo's son, has been an essential figure for selecting the right equipment, furnishing the sound room, and carrying out the initial recording and editing tasks. Some of these skills he learned during his vocational program, then furthered them upon graduation. The QSOBS is excited to have him come on board in a more increasing way as this ministry develops.

One of the podcasts, broadcast on Friday nights, has led five to choose Christ in baptism this year! They



Joe Albarracin recording a podcast between two first-year students.



Praise God the AC Gibson is now equipped and broadcasting the good news of Jesus around the world!

were all from outside of Ecuador in Argentina, Peru, and Costa Rica, so the QSOBS just contacted fellow graduates in those areas and witnessed the network of Christ do its work.

*Joshua K. Marcum*

**Check us out and refer us to your Spanish-Speaking friends.**



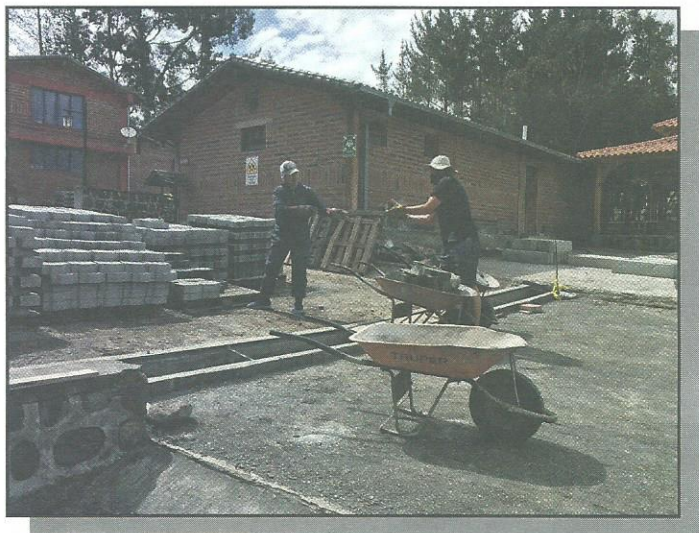
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# Camp Bellevue Resumes Summer Activities



Alex and Monica moving pavers.

Since the Covid-19 pandemic began (over two years ago now!), we had two major goals. The first was to protect the jobs and the livelihoods of the camp employees to the best of our ability. We severely trimmed the budget and cut back most employees' work hours, but we were thankfully able to avoid having to let anyone go. We are grateful for the extra financial assistance we received from several churches which allowed us to keep paying salaries despite the budgetary shortfall we experienced.

Our second goal was to use the "down time" we were experiencing wisely. We recognized that we had been given an opportunity to make certain upgrades to the facilities. These big projects are often difficult to make time for when there is a constant flow of activities and groups. Over the past several months, all 20 of the large camp tables and most of the wooden benches have been sanded and refinished. In addition, thanks to the generosity of the churches of Christ in Bellevue, WA, Everett, WA, and Ft. Walton Beach, FL, we have also been working on laying pavers over the

entire parking area. This is a huge project that has taken the best part of the past three months, but we are nearing completion of it, just in time our first U.S. groups of the summer!

Yes, summer mission groups are beginning to come back to Ecuador! We are nowhere near pre-pandemic levels of summer activity at the camp, but it is encouraging to receive U.S. teams again after two quiet summers with very few visitors. A summer mission team from the University of Tennessee Chattanooga helped us put on the first VBS at the camp since 2019. A group of college students from Harding University visited Kumanii to do projects with children and women in the villages along the river. They also put on a 4-day science program here at the camp for children in the community. It brings joy to my heart to see the camp being used once again for its intended purposes – to serve and bless the community and to strengthen the church, in collaboration with workers from North America.

In addition to U.S. mission teams, we are also



VBS at the camp with 90+ kids.



planning on hosting several camps this July and August. The Fort Walton Beach Church of Christ will come in August to put on a youth camp, as well as a retreat for couples serving as leaders in their churches. We are working with a group of young people from York, NE to organize youth basketball camp. And we will also have Kids Camp (for 8-12-year-olds) once again. Then, in September we will resume the daily After School Program! As tiring as all this is, we are thankful for what it signifies – a return to normalcy here in Ecuador after two years of lock-downs and restrictions!

*Laura for the Campbell Family*



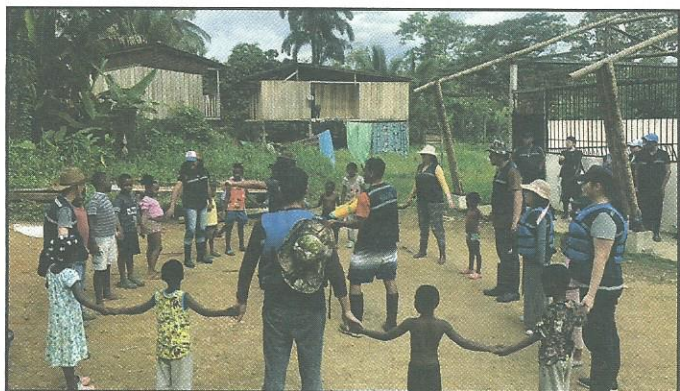
Homeschool teen retreat at the camp.

## KUMANII: EXPANDING ITS INFLUENCE IN THE KINGDOM

You could easily say that the last 11 years have been years of building and beginning for the Kumanii ministry. Much had to be done to have a functional facility with the capacity to host groups of up to 50. Many of you have toiled and sweated lots of hours during the last decade to provide a truly remarkable facility in one of the most remote locations in Ecuador! Thousands of dollars have been spent getting us to the point we are today. Now, God wants to see Kumanii used and worn out for His glory!

- As priority, Kumanii will remain a center of evangelism and church growth. That is going well, but there is much, so much to do! This can include wonderful opportunities for youth or family mission trips as well as the daily work by our evangelists.

- We want to continue taking medical groups to the Cayapas, at least two per year as we have done in the past. We need more, and younger docs to build around.
- Additionally, we want to see individuals of a medical expertise come to Ecuador and use Kumanii as a place to work for short lengths of time, without a large group present.
- There will always be opportunities for construction groups at the Kumanii compound, or out in the villages providing for needs and opening doors for evangelism.



QSOBS Students visited towns along the Cayapas River. Like the Pied Piper the children followed them to participate in the games, singing and activities, while adults gathered too to hear the Gospel story told in drama and other interesting ways.





Sisters from the QSOBS teach the young ladies in the village the Story of God by making bracelets with symbolic charms.



On Sunday QSOBS students spit up to preach, teach, and encourage at the six different services happening along the river.

## NEW OPPORTUNITIES:

- We want Kumanii to be available for use by our national brethren for retreats and even evangelistic efforts. Right now, the economics of how to do that is a barrier. We'd like to raise a type of scholarship fund for easing some of that expense for them.
- We would like to see more work among the children on the river. They are key to reaching families, and for the future as they move rapidly into adulthood. We'd like to open doors for people from the USA to

come and teach English, of course, sharing Jesus at the same time in a natural way. Those can be short visits of 1-2 weeks. However, I'd like to open the door of consideration for college age young adults to come and live at Kumanii for 1-2 years, learning Spanish and concentrating on reaching children for Christ. This would be a program similar to AIM, but will require an extra level of spiritual maturity and commitment.



In April Joshua, Rusty, and Guillermo led teams in a team workshop held at Kumanii. Five teams and the Colon elders took advantage of this edifying experience.



# HINDSIGHT: 20-20!

On March 1 of 2020, we left Kumanii with one of our best-ever medical teams after a wonderfully successful week of work on the Cayapas River. Many waved goodbye and said, "See you next year!" Some of us even said, "Be back in June!" Well, you know how that turned out! We barely got back to the States before international flights began to close and Covid became a global experience! Haven't the last two years been a learning-reminding curve for all of us! James 2:13-17 took on reality as we learned that we are not in control of tomorrow. During 2021, we made two efforts to get a medical team back to Ecuador. The timing just wasn't right.

On June 3 of this year, we plan to be back on the river with a group of 51 participants eager to see their friends and church family on the Cayapas! By the time you read this, our prayer is that that medical mission will be concluded and logged as one of our most successful missions in the history of Kumanii! Folks are eager to fly over 2000 miles and spend their money and vacation time serving people, most of

whom they have never met. Folks are willing to leave their families, comfortable homes, and climate-controlled lives for the heat, humidity, and foreign insect environment of the coastal jungle of Ecuador.

Who are these people? We are people who live on a different plane, with a transformed mind-set, motivated by a daily understanding that this is not our permanent home. We are pilgrims and strangers called to be God's own special people, representing Him on this earth, demonstrating His love and concern for those in need. We are people who understand that there is nothing more important than reaching out in the Name of Jesus to those who still have not accepted the salvation available in Him. Kumanii is a word in the Chapala language which means "all one family." We are people who know that through the saving message of Christ "all one family" can become a reality, as one by one, the lost are added to God's church! (Acts 2:47)

*Kent Marcum*

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### Ways to Give



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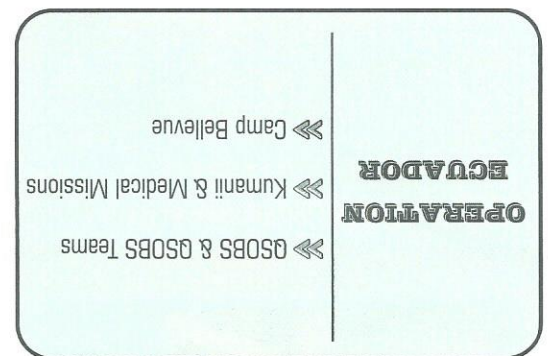


# OE SUMMIT 2022

## Save the Date Annual Operation Ecuador Summit

**Hosted by:** Hillsboro Church of Christ (Nashville, TN)  
**Dates:** October 21-22, 2022 (registration begins 9:00 a.m.)

The annual Operation Ecuador Summit will be hosted this year by one of the Campbell family's supporting congregations. Be on the lookout for further details in a separate mailing or to be released online via Facebook or other social media outlets. For more information, you may contact Rusty and Laura Campbell at [rustyandlaura@gmail.com](mailto:rustyandlaura@gmail.com)



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