

Machachi, Ecuador Mission Trip Application

Thank you for prayerfully considering joining First Baptist Church in our partnership trip to Machachi, Ecuador. If you meet the requirements listed below and desire to participate in the upcoming Ecuador mission trip, please complete the attached participant application form and return to Team Leader _____ on or before _____ with your \$200 deposit.

This application will be reviewed by the trip team leader and the chairperson of the missions committee and will be kept confidential. Your answers will help us to assemble a balanced team for each trip, so please be completely honest in your responses.

Each mission team participant must meet the following requirements:

- Be an active member of Camden First Baptist Church
- Be responsible for securing funds for the majority of the trip cost
- Attend 12-16 mandatory training sessions
- Exhibit growth in your relationship with Christ
- Obtain medical clearance to travel and spend time in this high elevation location
- Be 18 years of age or older
- Be committed to verbally sharing your faith
- Be emotionally and spiritually mature
- Be flexible
- Be willing to submit to and pass a background check in compliance with IMB's child protection policy
- Have or obtain a current US passport

Please submit the attached Volunteer Recommendation Form immediately to either Bruce Hancock or Phillip Gerrald.

Volunteer Project Participant Application

(This form is for team leader and Missions Committee Chairperson.)

TODAY'S DATE: _____

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Mr. Miss Mrs. Rev. Dr. Name: _____

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Informal Name: _____ Sex: M F

Address _____

Street City State Zip

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Fax: _____

May we phone/fax you at work? Yes No Birthdate: _____

Email address: _____

Do you have a passport? Yes No Applying

If yes, Passport #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Marital Status: Married Single Spouse's Name: _____

Will your spouse be traveling with you: Yes No
(Spouse must complete a separate application)

Occupation: _____

If retired, please give former position here: _____

1. In what ministries of church are you currently active?

(Please include the name of a church staff member who knows you well.)

2. A) How well do you deal with uncertainty and change?

B) How would you rate yourself in flexibility and adaptability?

C) How well do you take instruction?

D) Would you be willing to forego personal preferences to honor the culture in which you are going?

3. Describe your cross-cultural living, training, and/or travel experiences. What did you learn? What types of difficulties did you experience?

4. Briefly describe any major life changes you have gone through in the past year. (e.g. job or family changes, illness, injury, death of a relative or close friend, etc.)

5. How do you know God has called you to this project?

6. I plan on:

paying my own way

paying part of my way and trusting God to provide the balance

I will need God to provide all of the finances

I need help learning how to develop my financial support team

7. Please describe your (a) strengths, (b) ministry gifts or skills, and (c) spiritual gifts.

8. Please describe your weaknesses or areas in which you desire growth.

9. Describe your personal devotion habits (i.e. quiet time).

10. Describe your growth and involvement in intercessory prayer.

11. Describe your personal knowledge of and interest in our target people group.

12. How do your family members feel about you going on a mission trip?

13. Have you ever been denied a visa or had a visa revoked? If yes, for which country and what were the circumstances?

14. Please check this box if you desire to discuss the following questions with your pastor before replying. If you checked the above box, please indicate the date we can expect to hear from either you or your pastor: _____. *(Note: Any positive answer to these questions does not necessarily disqualify you. All responses will be kept strictly confidential.)*

A. Are there any unresolved moral issues in my life that I need to speak to Christian leadership about? Yes No If yes, have you spoken to Christian leadership about this? Yes No

B. Do you use or are you addicted to any substances – illegal or otherwise: (i.e. tobacco products, alcohol, drugs)? Yes No If so, please describe your usage.

15. Explain any difficulties you may have working with Christians who have doctrinal viewpoints different from your own.

16. Suppose you felt the leading of the Holy Spirit to take a direction or to act differently than what your team leader instructs. How would you handle this?

17. Using the following outline, please write a brief personal testimony on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this application.

- I) My Life Before Receiving Jesus Christ
- II) How I Realized I Needed Jesus Christ
- III) How I Received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior
- IV) My Life Since Receiving Jesus Christ

18. Please list any questions that you would like answered:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Volunteer Recommendation Form

(For Pastor Bruce Hancock or Associate Pastor Phillip Gerrald)

Please return this form to the team leader _____ following completion. Your reply will be held in strict confidence. The team leader can be contacted by phone at _____.

_____ has applied to take part in the _____ (trip dates) short-term volunteer mission trip with First Baptist Church Camden REAP Ecuador Partnership. This mission trip takes a small team to fill a critical need for focused intercession and personal ministry. The participant will likely confront stressful situations both because of cross-cultural transition and because of team dynamics. For this reason, your honest input will help us accurately assess this applicant.

Please give any information about the applicant (family, background, education, experiences, etc.), which you would want to know if you were leading him or her on a short-term project.

I recommend _____'s participation in this mission trip.

Signature _____ Date _____

*If for any reason you feel that you cannot recommend this applicant, please inform the team leader or the applicant directly. If you have confidential information that you cannot disclose but feel is pertinent to this application, please direct the applicant to inform the team leader before you approve his/her participation in this mission trip.

Thank you for your time and assistance. Please return this confidential reference within 7 days. If you have any questions, please note them on the reverse side of this form.