

*Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?' <sup>38</sup>And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' <sup>40</sup>And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' – Matthew 25:34-40*

## **The Team**

For over twenty years Fairhaven Church has partnered with several churches in Quito, Ecuador. Each year Fairhaven sends teams of medical professionals to work alongside our partner churches to provide basic medical care to their communities. This is a wonderful serving opportunity for doctors, nurses, therapists, and support personnel - those with no medical background.

The Fairhaven-Ecuador partnership began in 2003 in conjunction with Church Ministries International (an organization dedicated to growing urban churches in Latin America), and a coalition of Christian and Missionary Alliance churches surrounding Quito, Ecuador. Our relationship has expanded and Fairhaven currently partners with churches in Puenbo and Valle de los Chillos.

An annual medical clinic is a vital piece of our Ecuador partnership. Fairhaven provides a medical team of physicians, nurses, therapists, and support personnel allowing each church to connect with their surrounding community. Through clinic encounters and follow-up visits, our church partners share the hope of Jesus. Over the years, thousands have received both medical and spiritual care.

In serving together, we have developed wonderful relationships with our Ecuadorean hosts. Team members stay in the homes of host families who demonstrate hospitality in a way we Norte Americanos rarely see. The success of this partnership depends upon our willingness to serve. Rather than expecting our host families to accommodate our needs on our trip, we are willing to serve in whatever way we are needed to best facilitate their needs for their outreach strategy.

## **Medical Team Travel Dates**

Team Puenbo: January 25, 2025, through February 2, 2025

Team Chillos: February 15, 2025, through February 23, 2025

## **Sample Itinerary:**

Saturday: Travel to Ecuador

Sunday: Attend church and spend time with host families

Monday & Tuesday: Clinic

Wednesday: Otavalo and Cotacachi sightseeing

Thursday & Friday: Clinic

Saturday: Sightseeing or other activity with host family

Sunday: Return to USA

**Estimated Cost:** \$2,000 per team member

## **Next Steps:**

- Complete interest form
- Phone conversation with team leader
- Confirm your passport expires no earlier than 6 months after the travel return date