



Children's Ministries, Inc.

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Bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to Children of the World

Queridos Amigos de Jesucristo (Dear Friends of Jesus Christ),

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit! Psalms 147:5

Wow! God is doing **MIGHTY THINGS** in Ecuador! He lovingly reaches into hearts, bringing reconciliation, humility, peace, and joy into the daily lives of many young children, youth, and adults.



The excitement continues to build at Iglesia Centro Metro Ecuador Internacional (or Metro Center International Church of Ecuador). So many exciting things are happening and our devoted ministry team is making full use of the expanded Ministry Center building. With grateful hearts we **THANK YOU** from the bottom of our hearts. **YOUR GENEROSITY** has truly enabled this ministry!

We copied a few snapshots of ministry events and weekly activities from CMEI's website and Instagram account. We think you'll agree that these folks deeply love the Lord and serve him with all the energy they possess. We hope you'll catch their enthusiasm for the Lord as we share these updates with you!

Sunday Morning: Yogi Bear Club and Sunday Family Worship Service

"Our Purpose: Attract Plant Disciple Serve Adore"

"Our Motto: Jesus is not religion...Jesus is life!"

Families join in worship every Sunday morning, singing worship songs led by Sally, Joey, Carlos and others. Jacqueline or Priscila share a powerful message from God's Word. Prayers are brought humbly, yet boldly, before God.

At Yogi Bear Club, young children learn about God's love through skits, songs, games, and hugs. Praise, adoration, glory and honor rise to the Father of Life!



Tuesday Night: Prayer Group

Eyes are clenched tight, heads deeply bowed, and urgent voices raised in fervent prayer each Tuesday night. An all-night **prayer vigil** was held on August 11th.

Romans 8:26 We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

Thursday Night: Discipleship Group

Evangelismo La Plena is no ordinary discipleship gathering. Its very title translates into “The Full/Complete/Entire Evangelism” – as in unconditional, unlimited, unrestricted, unqualified, absolute, sweeping, and comprehensive! No Bible-lite here; these folks dig **deeply** into God’s Word and begin to apply it to their lives.



Saturday Morning: Yogi Bear Club at Sergio Toral

Every Saturday morning, the Yogi Bear ministry team brings the love of God through lively gospel presentations, interactive music, and games to underprivileged children of Sergio Toral, an impoverished barrio of Guayaquil. Tasty lunches and surprise gift boxes of school and hygiene supplies bring more joy to these smile-filled mornings. God’s Spirit oozes from the staff and volunteers, and the children are assured that they are truly loved.



Saturday Night: Young People’s Worship Service

Saturday nights are dedicated to young people, leading them into a loving relationship with God, their families, and peers through age-appropriate worship, messages, training, and discipleship. Special events are **OH SO SPECIAL...**

YOWZAAA! The evening of July 21st positively **EXPLODED** with music and praise at the Philanthropic Auditorium of Guayaquil! The teen ministry group, “Youth with Purpose”, invited hundreds of their friends and acquaintances to hear Christian rock star Billy “Musiko” Perez share the Word of God through exciting music. Our own Carlos Cortez rocked out with his own incredible musical talent and Pastor Jacquelin Cortez brought a powerful and convicting message. The auditorium was bursting with excitement, and purpose! What a night! The team summed it up with these words, “But this doesn’t stay here. We believe in a youth that takes up its call! Let’s go for more!”



We are humbled to say: “**Their enthusiasm for the Lord is evident.**”

Another Summer Visit

CMI co-founder, Jerry Fielstra, had the privilege of bringing a small team from the USA to Guayaquil, Ecuador during the month of July. Terry Jolink from Grandville, our Multi-Visitor-Extraordinaire, and Simeon Popa, an enthusiastic teen from Traverse City, joined Jerry for a busy week at the Ministry Center where they observed and participated in some exciting ministry events.

Simeon's Impressions

Ecuador was amazing. I love travel, new experiences, and God. And so when I heard that I was going to Ecuador I was overjoyed. I had been praying earnestly for a way to go on a mission trip when I was given this opportunity. My grandparents paid for my plane tickets and I am so thankful for that and the support they gave me. But I'm also so thankful to God for letting me go to Ecuador. It was wonderful. I met some awesome people there like Priscila, Carlos, and Luis. The list of amazing people there could just go on and on. I wish I could mention everyone I met there and say how great they are. Everyone there is filled with the Holy Spirit and is showing God's love to all they can reach.

I had the opportunity to go to a poor area of Guayaquil (Sergio Toral). It is not something I have seen before: dirt floors, some homes were built right into the side of hills and were slanted sideways, and every home was



touching the one next to it. But in the midst of this, we opened up the children's church and worshipped and little by little these young girls and boys came in. I got to play with some of the little girls and it was such an amazement to see what they live in and to also see them smiling and laughing with me. Then they worshipped and after the lesson they left. As they left, one little girl came up and hugged my leg and smiled up at me before leaving which was one of my most precious moments. To see such a little innocent girl living in such poverty - it is life changing. The longer I stayed there, the more I fell in love with the people and places in Ecuador. God is truly present there. And such a difference is being made every day by their work.



A huge "THANK YOU" to Terry and Simeon for bringing your love and encouragement to the CMI staff and children of Ecuador!

The Father's Hug

If you remember from our May, 2018 newsletter, "The Father's Hug" is a program under development by Carlos and the CMI ministry team for use in high schools and middle schools to share the Heavenly Father's love and improve parent/child relationships. At each event, parents and their children meet separately to hear about God's message of reconciliation and forgiveness, plus begin work on their own responsibilities and behaviors within the family. Family



members are then brought together where lots of forgiveness and healing take place. Estranged family members are reconciled and broken relationships begin the healing process. After hearing of its tremendous effectiveness, many school administrators are asking our team to bring the program to their schools. These pictures give you a sense of the emotions and healing that God is working in lives.



Get Involved with Us!

Your prayers and support are vital to this ministry. Children's Ministries, Inc. is totally funded by private and organizational donations. The Board of Directors and USA volunteers pay all state-side expenses (postage, printing, travel expense, etc.). **100% of your donated money is used for direct ministry needs in Ecuador.** For more information about this ministry please check our Web site: www.childrensministriesinc.com.

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For those who have given support, we would again like to say Thank You! Whether that support is in the form of prayer, time, gifts or money, it is all appreciated. It is only through the efforts of many people letting themselves be God's instruments that we have been able to accomplish so much. Thank You!

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