



June 7, 2013  
Hey Everyone!!!

## QUITO

Our first stop in Ecuador was spending 2.5 weeks in Quito, Ecuador's capital city. We were working with a small YWAM base there in the north of the city. We spent most of our time there working with different small churches - doing evangelism, a lot of kids' ministry, and preaching. One of my favorite moments, however, was when God spoke to us about putting on a "block party" in the neighborhood we were living in. Many people had warned us that our area was really dangerous and there were a lot of drugs and bad things, but we felt God leading us to reach out anyway. So one day we went around and invited people to come to our block party at the local park. We played soccer with the kids, did a little program, preached the gospel, gave out snacks, painted kids' faces and had a lot of fun getting to know people!



## SHELL, THE JUNGLE...

After Quito, we headed down into Shell, which is right on the edge of the Amazon rainforest. It is a small town with a lot of missionary influence. This is the place where Nate Saint and Jim Elliot were killed by the Waroani indigenous tribe in the 50's. We worked with an orphanage there that focuses on handicapped children. There were about 70 kids from babies to teenagers. We helped each day do some therapy with the handicapped babies, worked on a lot of work projects, brought the kids to the park on their day off, and did a special program with them. It was really special for them to have a team that speaks Spanish, since most of the teams that come through only speak English.

## CUENCA

From Shell we headed down to Cuenca! Cuenca is the 3rd largest city in Ecuador, and it has been my favorite place so far! We've been working with a church here - doing street evangelism, preaching in a rehabilitation center, teaching in the youth group, putting on Kid's Day programs, and supporting one of their church plants outside the city. My favorite day so far was the first day we supported the church plant. We went out to do some personal evangelism and invite kids to our Kid's Day program the next day. I felt God lead me to go to the park and just play some worship music. So as soon as one of the other girls on my team and I got to the park and started playing and singing, a guy came down and sat

across from us. After a few songs, I sent her over to talk to him and he ended up praying to accept Jesus in his heart! Plus I invited all the kids that passed by to our program!!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- \* there's only 2 weeks until this DTS graduates, so pray for strength and energy and focus to finish well
- \* also, that each student could hear from God about what comes next for them
- \* for strength, energy, rest and refreshment for me as well to be able to finish well and then be ready for the July DTS that starts the week after this one graduates

Thank you all for you love and support and prayers!!!

Blessings,  
Cassandra

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