



*"We love the joy of serving Ecuadorian children and families in need. Come and share the fellowship of believers with a common purpose."*

**DR. ROBERTO CONTRARES**, Ecuador director



# QUITO ECUADOR

## JOIN A TEAM!

Are you interested in joining or leading a SIFAT team to share God's love in practical ways? We currently need construction, medical and VBS teams to serve in Ecuador. If you want to join or lead a team, you can find available dates at [sifat.org/international-missions](http://sifat.org/international-missions). Contact SIFAT's International Team Coordinator at [internationalteams@sifat.org](mailto:internationalteams@sifat.org), or by calling (256) 396-2015.

Join SIFAT on a short-term mission team for long-term development.



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Part of SIFAT's vision is to bridge the First and Two-thirds Worlds. One way we do this is by providing ways for North American churches and organizations to become personally involved with international projects, helping empower our SIFAT graduates in their work.



## Short-Term Teams for Long-Term Development

We want to help make it as easy as possible for you to plan a meaningful mission trip for your group. SIFAT serves in many countries on approved projects of our SIFAT graduates and always at their invitation. We call this *short-term teams for long-term development*. Usually churches, college ministries or university groups take teams with a minimum of 10, for 8-10 days, to work on these projects and experience the adventures available in Ecuador. SIFAT can provide turn-key service, including airline reservations, for our teams.

## HISTORY

SIFAT has had a presence in Ecuador since 1996, when teams began working in the Andean village of Caliata. In 2000, our work moved to Atucucho, an impoverished community on the outskirts of Quito. In this area, teams completed Little Seeds of God and Mama Yoli's daycare centers, created and implemented a preschool curriculum that could be taught by community mothers and built a new Methodist church, Agua de Vida.

In 2008, 12 community leaders and pastors finished a training taught by the SIFAT Ecuador staff, led by SIFAT director Dr. Roberto Contreras and his wife, Monica. Upon completion, project proposals of these graduates were reviewed and accepted by SIFAT based on need and sustainability. Most of their churches had been selected by Compassion International to sponsor an after-school program that includes a hot meal, tutoring and Bible lessons for children who would otherwise be on the streets.

Now, SIFAT mission teams are empowering these graduates by helping support their projects. Each church approved for this program must provide a facility where the children can attend the after-school classes. These are extremely poor churches and to build these facilities would be almost impossible without the partnership of SIFAT and our short-term mission teams. SIFAT construction teams work alongside the community to build each facility, while SIFAT medical and VBS teams continue to serve on all our approved project sites to provide medical care and spiritual development in these often forgotten communities.



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