



# Showers of Grace Guayaquil, Ecuador



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## Guayaquil, Ecuador

- About 2 million Ecuadorians (15% of the population) could not meet their basic nutritional requirements even if their entire incomes were spent on food.
- Ecuador's had major political and economic crises this decade.
- Guayaquil is Ecuador's largest city and main port.
- In Ecuador, 95% of the people are Roman Catholic.

## Ecuador and Abortion

- Abortion is illegal yet frequent—20,000-30,000 a year.
- Pro-abortion and youth organizations actively offer "options" and promote sexual freedom.
- Crisis pregnancy services are new in Ecuador.

## Maria Needs Her Father

We met Maria when she was pregnant with her first child. In 2008, at age 19, she was pregnant for the third time by a third man, and she realized she was repeating her mother's story. Maria took pills and a shot to abort the baby. Then, feeling guilty, she hurried to the hospital. The doctor stopped the bleeding and saved the pregnancy. Still worried, she came to us for an ultrasound. Seeing the baby, hearing the heartbeat, she cried and repented. Once again we were able to show her God's love in Word and deed. Claudia was born on December 2. We praise God for protecting Claudia and allowing us to work with Maria again. Please pray that Maria will be sensitive to God's voice and come to Him.

## Dear Friends

I am thankful to the Lord and the faithful supporters who have allowed me to serve Him in this ministry. It has been a journey of faith, and I have experienced firsthand His faithfulness and love. I am also thankful for the people who have come along to serve with me. Many times it has been a challenge to pass the vision to them and to work with them. My greatest desire for 2009 is to have a larger group of people working on the board. I pray for strong men and women of faith with a deep desire to give their time and gifts to the Lord through this ministry. I pray for wisdom and direction to meet them and invite them to be a part of our mission.

—Cathy Tate, director



## Showers of Grace 2008 Accomplishments

- Our team gave 1,600 students abstinence education—half of them seemed open to choose abstinence as a lifestyle.
- Three abortion-minded clients gave birth to their children. We also reached 30 women facing unplanned pregnancies.
- We completed two post-abortion Bible studies: one for men and one for women.
- We recruited and trained three new volunteers.
- We purchased the house where our office is.

## Showers of Grace 2009 Goals

- To recruit 10-15 people, some to become board members.
- To reach at least 3,000 students with abstinence education.
- To reach at least 10 abortion-minded clients and 100 women facing unplanned pregnancies.
- To open the Prenatal Care Center.

## Showers of Grace 2009 Prayer Requests

- That the Lord will bring abortion-minded clients to our door so we can minister to them.
- For Christian people with a heart for the Lord, a variety of gifts, and a deep desire and commitment to get involved.
- For funds to accomplish what the Lord had put before us.
- That each person involved with Showers of Grace will have an ever-increasing love for the Lord, experience spiritual growth, and depend on Him in every aspect of our lives.

## How Can You Partner with LIFE International?

Individuals, churches, centers, and businesses can partner with LIFE through prayer and financial support. Every prayer offered and every gift sown into LIFE helps make possible life-giving ministries like Showers of Grace. Will you join with LIFE and help multiply life-giving ministries wherever abortion exists?

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