



# Lluvias de Gracia (showers of Grace) Guayaquil, Ecuador



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## Guayaquil, Ecuador

- 38.3% of Ecuador's population lives below the poverty line.<sup>1</sup>
- In Ecuador, 95% of the people are Roman Catholic.<sup>2</sup>
- Abortion is illegal yet frequent—20,000-30,000 a year.<sup>3</sup>
- The adolescent fertility rate is high in Ecuador—20% of woman become pregnant between the ages of 15 and 19.<sup>4</sup>
- Pro-abortion and youth organizations actively offer "options" and promote sexual freedom.<sup>5</sup>
- Crisis pregnancy services are new in Ecuador.<sup>6</sup>

## Thank You

I want to express a big thanks to our supporters and prayer warriors. Without you the ministry would not be possible. There are times of sadness, challenge, or sickness that affect the way we see our work. It is through our relationship with Christ that we are renewed. I certainly believe that our intercessors know how to pray for each of us in different parts of the world. Thanks to the Lord for His Holy Spirit that makes us one in spite of the distance.

As the director of the Showers of Grace center, it is my priority to always go to the Lord to seek direction for the ministry. He is the One that leads and brings light to our steps. And as He leads us we want, through our services, to bring others to believe in the only One who is the giver of physical and eternal life.

During 2010 we had about 240 telephone calls from abortion minded clients. From those, 87 came to their appointment. 19 decided to give life to their babies and we rejoice with 16 new lives committed by faith to Christ.

I would like to ask you for your prayers, for faith, wisdom, and continual guidance from the Father. Thank you for being a part of what God is doing in Ecuador.

## What God Did Through Showers of Grace in 2010

- Presented key tools translated into Spanish: *Life in the Womb* flipchart and the *Intimacy Before Impact* manual.
- Held a Church Leader Training to bring awareness to the value of human life and to challenge leaders to respond to the need abortion has created in Ecuador.

## Showers of Grace 2011 Goals

- To incorporate a client services director and a public relations and events coordinator to give the ministry a more solid infrastructure.
- To better serve clients and develop volunteers.
- To better communicate about the ministry and services so that the ministry is better known by the community.
- To increase the local number of "friends of Lluvia de Gracia": people that will be partners in prayer, support, and financial giving.
- To develop a local fundraising program.
- To begin working with the church in Milagro to respond to their desire to open a center in their city.

## Showers of Grace 2011 Prayer Requests

- For protection for the ministry and staff as they pursue their goals.
- That the Lord will provide new employees who are solid and trustworthy.
- For financial provision for the ministry as it grows.

## 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 equip life-giving ministries like Showers of Grace. Will you join with LIFE and help multiply life-giving ministries wherever abortion exists?

**Questions? Want more information? Contact us at [info@lifeinternational.com](mailto:info@lifeinternational.com) or (616) 248-3300.**



—Caty Tate, director

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