



Showers of Grace Guayaquil, Ecuador



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- 38.3% of Ecuador's population lives below the poverty line.¹
- In Ecuador, 95% of the people are Roman Catholic.²
- Abortion is illegal yet frequent—20,000-30,000 a year.³
- The adolescent fertility rate is high in Ecuador—20% of woman become pregnant between the ages of 15 and 19.⁴
- Pro-abortion and youth organizations actively offer "options" and promote sexual freedom.⁵
- Crisis pregnancy services are new in Ecuador.⁶

Dear Friends

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, times of 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, although not knowing our day by day routine, 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.

Sharing the Gospel in Guayaquil is not easy, we see that people are very hard hearted. They suffer but they don't surrender, they accept that they are in sin but do not repent. Many understand the Gospel, but believe that coming to Christ is losing freedom. If they are young, it's not the time, they want to "enjoy" life, maybe once they get older. Another aspect of this reality is that Ecuador is very open to all sort of religions, sects, and practices. Technology is on target so everybody can access any type of information, good or bad. Laws and constitution promote worldly freedom. The most sad thing is that corruption is in everyone's heart. It is part of what people breathe and it is at all levels of society. Ecuador needs your prayers!

Showers of Grace 2009 Accomplishments

- Reached 600 students through our prevention program.
- Offered "Willing to Wait" training to 80 people that came from Guayaquil, Quito, Cuenca, and close areas.
- We saw four abortion minded clients, three gave birth to their children.
- Remodeled our office, enlarging the counseling area.

Showers of Grace 2010 Goals

- To reach 3,000 students through our prevention program, and to train facilitators in Education for Love and Sexuality.
- To reach 35 abortion minded women.
- To host three workshops for post abortive men and women.
- To open a pre-natal care center.
- To establish relationships with churches and their leaders.

Showers of Grace 2010 Prayer Requests

- That the Lord will bring us abortion minded clients through our "Fertile Land" program which consists of praying in front of two abortion clinics. Pray for protection for the praying volunteers and for open hearts of those they talk to.
- For the fruition of all our 2010 plans.
- For the volunteers, assembly, board, staff members and their families—for health, protection, and continued growth in Christ.

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?

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



—Caty Tate, director

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