

RENOVATION YOUTH - HIGH SCHOOL MISSIONS TRIP

Ecuador - June 22nd-June 28th, 2025

Renovation Church's High School Youth Group is going to Ecuador and we want you to be a part of changing the world with us!

In Ecuador, we will be partnering with a missions organization called East West Missions, joining their NEXT program, which specifically works with students. NEXT teams are designed to empower the next generation to lead others to know and worship God by combining leadership development, evangelism, and discipleship. Through short-term missions, East West's NEXT program equips students to discover God's heart for the world and the unique role they are called to play in building His kingdom. We are very excited to have the opportunity to work alongside East West this coming June.

The ministry structure of the trip will be a blend of leadership development and community outreach, designed to help students grow spiritually while engaging meaningfully with the local population. In the mornings, students will develop key leadership skills to help them become leaders in their faith and deepen their understanding of God's global mission. In the afternoons, students will engage in outreach activities alongside the local church, focusing on community-building efforts such as park visits and church outreach. In the evenings, students will lead Discovery Bible Studies with new or first-time believers, fostering relationships and helping to spread the gospel in a personal and impactful way. This well-rounded approach will equip students to make a lasting spiritual impact while growing in their own faith and leadership abilities. We will also have one day on the trip to have a fun experience seeing the beauty of the country and learning more about Ecuadorian culture.

Going to Ecuador will be one of the best weeks of your summer – if not your life! Our purpose for going on a mission trip is not only to help others grow in their faith, but also to see God moving in our own lives. This trip is a great way to get out of your comfort zone and to start tangibly living out your faith.

Want more information about this mission trip? **Pastor Will and a representative from East West, will be holding an informational meeting about the Ecuador Missions Trip on Sunday, January 26th, from 12:45pm – 1:45pm at Renovation Church in the Northpoint room.** Come to this meeting and bring any questions you might have.

If you would like to join us in Ecuador this summer, please fill out our application form at renovationchurch.org/youth by **January 29th**.

- Your application will be reviewed and taken into consideration when choosing who will participate in this trip. **(Space on this trip is limited, so potentially not everyone who applies will be able to go.)**

The total cost of the trip is around **\$2,500- \$2,900** (variance depending on flight cost). This covers lodging, transportation, and all of your meals (except airport meals). We know that this is no small amount of money. However, we have seen over and over that if students put in the prayer and effort (and have support and encouragement from their parents), God makes a way for them to go on this mission trip for little to no personal cost. Seek God, ask if it is His calling for you to go on the trip, and then be willing to do whatever it takes to make it happen!

Writing Support Letters

We will provide you with training and all the tools you need to write support letters. This is the most effective way of raising both prayer and financial support for a mission trip. Pastor Will has great experience with this and has raised \$15,000 for missions through support letters in his lifetime.

Below is the payment schedule for the Ecuador Missions Trip:

- Application (due online by January 29th) Application submission will be looked over and team finalized by February 2nd. You will receive an email saying if you have been accepted or not.
- February 9th 250\$ DUE. By check or by online on our website.
- March 1st 1450\$ DUE.
- Final amount due May 8th. Final cost will be known closer to trip.

COMMON MISSION TRIP MYTHS

Myth: *Long travel could be the worst experience of my life!*

Truth: Use this time to build new relationships or read a book/your Bible

Myth: *If I don't have a lot of my friends go, I won't like the trip.*

Truth: Spending seven 24-hour days with people will bring you closer friendships than you could ever imagine!

Myth: *I could never afford this trip. It's too expensive!*

Truth: The vast majority of students who go on mission trips pay ZERO dollars due to support letters and fundraising! If God is putting on your heart to go, don't let money be an excuse! If you put in the effort to raise funds, God will provide!

Myth: *It is unsafe to go on a mission trip.*

Truth: East West is a phenomenal missions organization that has been doing ministry in Ecuador for many years. East West knows Ecuador well, and their staff will be helping lead the entire trip. Our group's safety is always a main priority for us. In addition to obtaining secure housing, East West communicates clear boundaries and expectations to students and adults, explaining safety measures. Site-specific safety precautions are also communicated and upheld. Renovation Church will be sending at least 1 adult leader for every 4 students in our group.

Myth: *I don't know how to share my faith and I am afraid to do so. I shouldn't go on this trip.*

Truth: God has called ALL believers to go out and make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20). We will train you in how to start conversations with strangers about God, and God WILL help give you the words to say! Most people who sign up to go on mission trips are afraid to share their faith, but that ends up being their favorite experience on the trip! Don't let fear get in the way of you being obedient to God!

REQUIRED COMMITMENTS

The following required events and deadlines have been decided carefully to ensure a well-equipped and well-trained team. Your participation is crucial to the impact you will have on this mission. **All of these due dates are mandatory and are not optional.** These dates need to be arranged with parents, work managers, coaches, etc. We take our training seriously!

January 29th: APPLICATIONS

Applications due. The application can be filled out and submitted online.

February 9th: Deposit.

250\$ deposit due. The deposit can be filled out online or by physical check.

FEBRUARY 9th: FUNDRAISING MEETING

This is a brief fundraising meeting to learn all the tools necessary to raise financial support for this trip! Team members are required to attend, and parents are highly recommended to attend! Come to learn how to raise support for your mission.

12:45pm - 1:45pm – Renovation Church - Northpoint Room

MARCH 1st: \$1450 TRIP PAYMENT DUE

MAY 8th: FINAL TRIP PAYMENT DUE (Final payment amount pending)

JUNE 1ST: TRAINING DAY

We will gather as a team and prepare our minds and hearts for the Ecuador Missions trip! This meeting is for team members only, not parents.

1:00pm – 6:00pm - Renovation Church - Northpoint Room

June 22nd - June 28th: ECUADOR MISSIONS TRIP!

July 13th: DEBRIEFING DAY MEETING

Team members will gather one last time to process what it's like being home from Ecuador, and to encourage one another to implement the things they learned on the missions trip now at home.

1:00pm – 3:00pm – Renovation Church - Northpoint Room

APPLY NOW

View the application by scanning the QR below!

