



GATHER GROW GO ECUADOR 2027

Grant Church with Compassion

Saturday, February 13th, 2027 to Sunday, February 21st, 2027

You are invited to join us for an eye-opening journey where you'll witness firsthand how Grant's partnership with Compassion Ecuador is transforming lives and breaking the cycle of poverty. This trip offers a unique opportunity to engage directly with the communities we serve—playing games with children, visiting your Compassion sponsor child, and experiencing the powerful impact of Compassion's holistic child development approach.

As you travel, you'll immerse yourself in the vibrant culture of Ecuador, enjoy local cuisine, and explore the diverse landscapes of cities, towns, and the beautiful countryside. Along the way, you'll connect with local church leaders and Compassion staff who are passionately committed to sharing the love of Jesus in practical and life-changing ways.

ECUADOR 2027 PLANNING INFORMATION

Dates of trip

- Saturday, February 13th, 2027 - Sunday, February 21st, 2027
- It could vary by a day or so each way, depending on the final flight itinerary.

Who is this for?

- Adults who attend Grant. Participants ages 15-17 can join if travelling with a parent.
- We will cap the trip at 20 participants.

Potential Itinerary

- Saturday, February 13th - travel from Winnipeg, stay overnight in Toronto
- Sunday, February 14th - arrive in Quito
- Monday, February 15th - Supporting new mothers and their babies - Day 1
- Tuesday, February 16th - Supporting new mothers and their babies - Day 2 and alumni dinner
- Wednesday, February 17th - Visiting a Child Program Centre and home visits
- Thursday, February 18th - Sponsor Child Visit with fun activities (those without a sponsor child will provide support)
- Friday, February 19th - Visit Youth Development, see a complementary Poverty Intervention and visit the National Office
- Saturday, February 20th - Explore Quito, Tourist activity, Visit a market
- Sunday, February 21st - Flight departs, arrive in Winnipeg late evening

Overall costs

- As of today (April 2026), the estimated donation is right around \$4500 per person.
- Costs depend on the number of sponsor children you have and unforeseen issues like foreign exchange, etc.
- Once we have confirmed the participants, we will communicate the total cost.
- If the cost of the trip is a concern, we encourage you to reach out (worldmission@grantmemorial.ca), as financial assistance may be available to help make your participation possible. Priority will be given to those who have not yet participated in a trip with Grant.

Costs included

- Flights
- Travel Medical Insurance
- Accommodations - double occupancy (single occupancy is available for an additional charge)
- In-country transportation
- In-country meals (meals during international travel not included)
- In-country translators
- The costs associated with visiting one compassion child (if you have several sponsor children, the extra costs range from \$40-\$300 to have them travel to meet you)

Costs not included

- Tips at hotel (recommended)
- Love offerings to translators and bus drivers (optional)
- Immunization (see below)
- Souvenirs (as you desire)
- Gifts for your sponsor kids (suggested \$50)

Fundraising Details

- While participants are encouraged to raise personal support to help cover the cost of the trip, we will not be organizing church-wide fundraising initiatives (as we have done for some youth trips in the past).
- However, Grant can provide an online personal donation page for you to share with friends and family if you would like tools to equip your fundraising efforts.
- Donations to support this important outreach are tax-deductible.

Health

Please note that our trip begins and ends in Quito, Ecuador's capital city. Quito is the second-highest capital in the world, sitting at 2,850 m (9,350 ft) above sea level. Because most of Canada—including Winnipeg—is at a much lower elevation, many Canadian travellers do experience some degree of altitude sickness when they arrive.

For this reason, travellers on this trip will be asked to take medication (prescribed by a doctor) to help prevent altitude sickness. This simple precaution will help ensure you remain healthy and able to fully participate in the experience.

Because this trip will be physically demanding, travellers are required to be in good health and able to manage activities such as climbing multiple flights of stairs (without the aid of a handrail), walking, standing for extended periods, and navigating varied terrain. As a general guideline to help determine readiness for a trip of this nature, participants should be able to safely ascend and descend approximately 100 stairs within 6 minutes without relying on a handrail.

We recommend that each traveller visit their local travel clinic or family doctor within 6-8 weeks before the trip and then decide what they want to do based on the doctor's recommendations. Travellers should tell the doctor that they will be visiting the Quito & Otavalo areas.

Next steps....

- Ensure you have a valid passport until at least August 2027 (6 months past travel date)
- Apply to join the team by September 30th, 2026
 - Application form: <https://grant.managedmissions.com/OurTrips>
 - (When you click the above link, select the Ecuador trip. If needed, you'll be asked to create an account for our secure mission trip planning software)
- Ecuador Trip Information Meeting (attendance is not mandatory)
 - Sunday, May 3rd, 2026, 10:00 - 10:45 (between services)
 - Sunday, September 27th, 2026, 10:00 - 10:45 (between services)
 - Room 144