

## Serving People And the Risen King

## **2025 Ecuador Mission Application**

#### Welcome to SPARK International Missions!

SPARK International Missions is a nonprofit organization committed to sharing God's love and His Word with others. We do this through providing care in our medical and vision clinics, education through our children's ministry, and discipleship building in our Bible studies.

We invite you to join our next mission team to serve the indigenous Quichua people living in the remote villages of the Andes Mountains in Ecuador. As we interact with our brothers and sisters, you will experience God in new and powerful ways as you witness His work in the world. This is an opportunity to make a change in your own life and the lives of others.

Since 2007, we have built meaningful relationships as our teams have worked alongside our long-term missionary, Dr. Manuel Avila Zeas. Our service projects have included building schools and churches, assisting with water projects, providing medical and vision clinics, growing disciples, and most importantly, spreading the Word of God.

We are excited that you have chosen to answer the call of the Great Commission and we are looking forward to serving with you. Your life-changing journey awaits you!

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

~ Matthew 28:19-20



Contact Bob or Rachel Hinshaw at info@sparkmissions.org

SPARKmissions.org Spark International Missions is a 501(c)3 organization, Federal Tax ID# 82-4630419

## **Mission Travel Form Details**

After completing the following, please submit the application packet (pages 3-9) including ALL of the following completed and signed documents:

- Ecuador Mission Application
- Medical & Emergency Contact Information
- Statement of Financial Responsibility
- Assumption of Risk and Hold-Harmless Release Form
- Code of Conduct
- Color copy of passport (if you do not have one yet, please provide as soon as you receive it)
- Complete the online background check (see information below)

### **Important Notes:**

- Families are welcome, however, children must be age 12 or older. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- There is a limit of 20 participants for this mission. Spots will be reserved based on receipt of your completed application, background check, and deposit. If your deposit is received after the 20 spaces have been filled, you will receive your check and application form back.
- **Passport**: Every participant must have a valid US Passport that does not expire before February 2, 2026. If you need to renew or apply for a passport, please do so as soon as possible. Please note, it typically takes 6-8 weeks for the application to be processed.
- **Background Check:** In order to accompany us on the mission, you will be required to pass a background/child abuse history check. You will complete this online and be required to pay the fee (typically \$19.95 fees may vary based on where you have lived in the past five years).
  - Please go through our account at Safe Hiring Solutions at the following link: <u>https://secure.safevisitorsolutions.com/Safe/Volunteer/006469/volunteer</u>
- A \$150 non-refundable deposit is part of the \$xxxxx mission price. Should a participant choose to cancel their trip, this money will be retained by SPARK International Missions. If plane tickets have been purchased, that money is also non-refundable.
  - In the event that SPARK International Missions has to cancel a trip, the organization will only refund the money that it is able to recover. For example, if the airline does not refund the money paid for plane tickets, SPARK International Missions will refund everything except for airfare.
- To confirm your trip, please send your completed application, all related documents, and the \$150 <u>non-refundable</u> deposit (checks made out to SPARK International Missions by February 28, 2025, to: SPARK International Missions, 2201 Woodfield Rd., Bloomington, IL 61704



NAME (as given on passport)

Last Name (Surname):		First (Given) Name	
VALID PASSPORT:YN EXPIRATION DA (application may be turned in without			
Preferred Name:	D.O.B		
ADDRESS:	CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
E-MAIL:			
Preferred Phone #: ()		Cell phone	_Home
On a scale of $1 - 5$ (5 = fluent) DO YOU SPEAK SPA	ANISH?	_ ARE YOU A THRIVE	NT MEMBER?
We are flying American Airlines, please provide you	u AAdvantage # if y	ou have one?	
ROOM MATE PREFERENCE (if any) Name(s)			
Children must be 12 years or older and anyone un	der the age of 18 r	nust be accompanied	by a parent or guardian.
If under the age of 18 complete the following:			
Father/Guardian's Name: Last	First		MI
Address:		Phone Number	
Mother/Guardian's Name: Last	Firs	st	MI
Address:		Phone Number	
Signature		ſ	Date

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian signature, if under age 18)

# Medical & Emergency Contact Information

### **Medical Information:**

Primary Physician's name & phone numbers	
Health Insurance Company:	
Insurance Policy Number:	
Do you currently take any medications that we need to be aware of? Please list:	
Do you have any allergies? (If so, will you be carrying an epi- pen?) Please list:	
Do you have any dietary restrictions? Please list:	

## **Emergency Contact Information:**

Name:	
Relationship:	
Phone:	
Email:	