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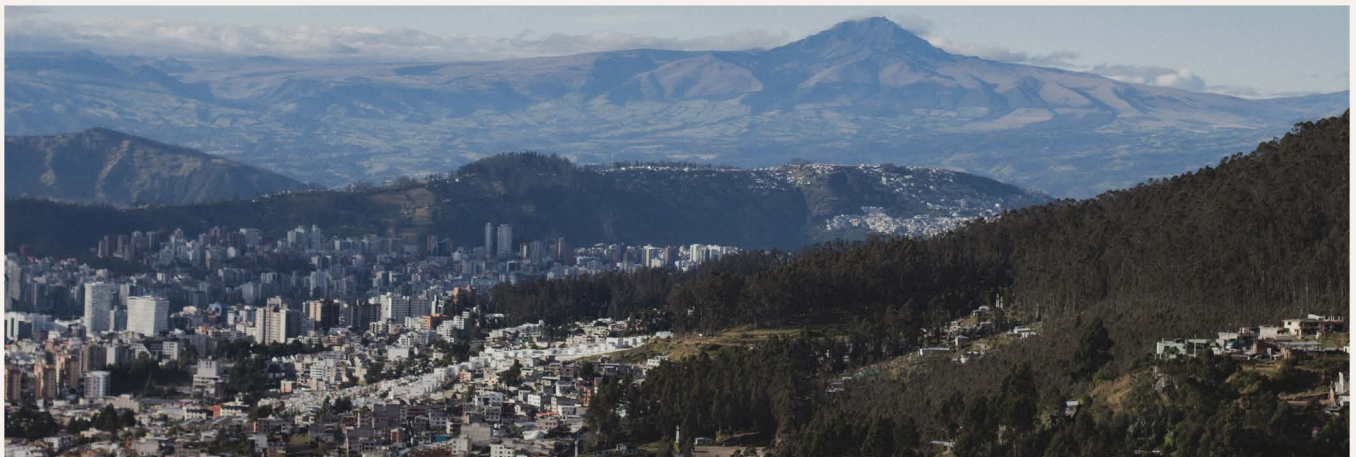


Greetings from Tennessee!

We are thrilled that you will be joining us on this incredible journey to Ecuador.

Our hearts are filled with anticipation for all that God has in store – not only for the lives of those we will serve, but also for the unique ways He will work in your life. We firmly believe that the Lord has brought this team together for a specific purpose, and we are eager to witness how He will use each of you to make a meaningful impact.

This packet contains important logistical details for the trip, as well as insight into the rich history and deep connection that Far-Flung Tin Can has with the people of Ecuador.



In 2008, Lee University Campus Choir embarked on their first trip to the country of Ecuador. While Kyle and the team were there, they got the opportunity to work with Pan de Vida. With each day that passed, Kyle grew to love the staff and the children he was serving more and more. Little did he know that it would only be a couple of years following that summer trip, that the Lord would birth the vision for Far-Flung Tin Can in Kyle's heart.





What is Pan de Vida?

Pan de Vida is a transformative feeding ministry located in Atacuencho, Ecuador, led by Angela (Laly) Mendoza. Situated in one of the city's poorest areas, the ministry provides daily meals for 350 children, offering not only nourishment but also education and hope to those in need. For over 20 years, Laly has faithfully served children who would otherwise go without food, yet her incredible work remained largely unknown.

Since 2011, Far-Flung Tin Can has partnered with Pan de Vida to help share its story with the world. Through two full-length films and a web series, Far-Flung has continued to develop innovative and creative ways to highlight the impact of this life-changing ministry.

The community served by Pan de Vida and Laly, has been profoundly transformed through this ministry. What began as a small initiative providing after-school meals to just eight children has now expanded to serve over 350 children daily. Over time, Pan de Vida's mission has evolved beyond feeding programs to include education, Bible classes, and parent workshops, creating a lasting impact on families throughout the region.

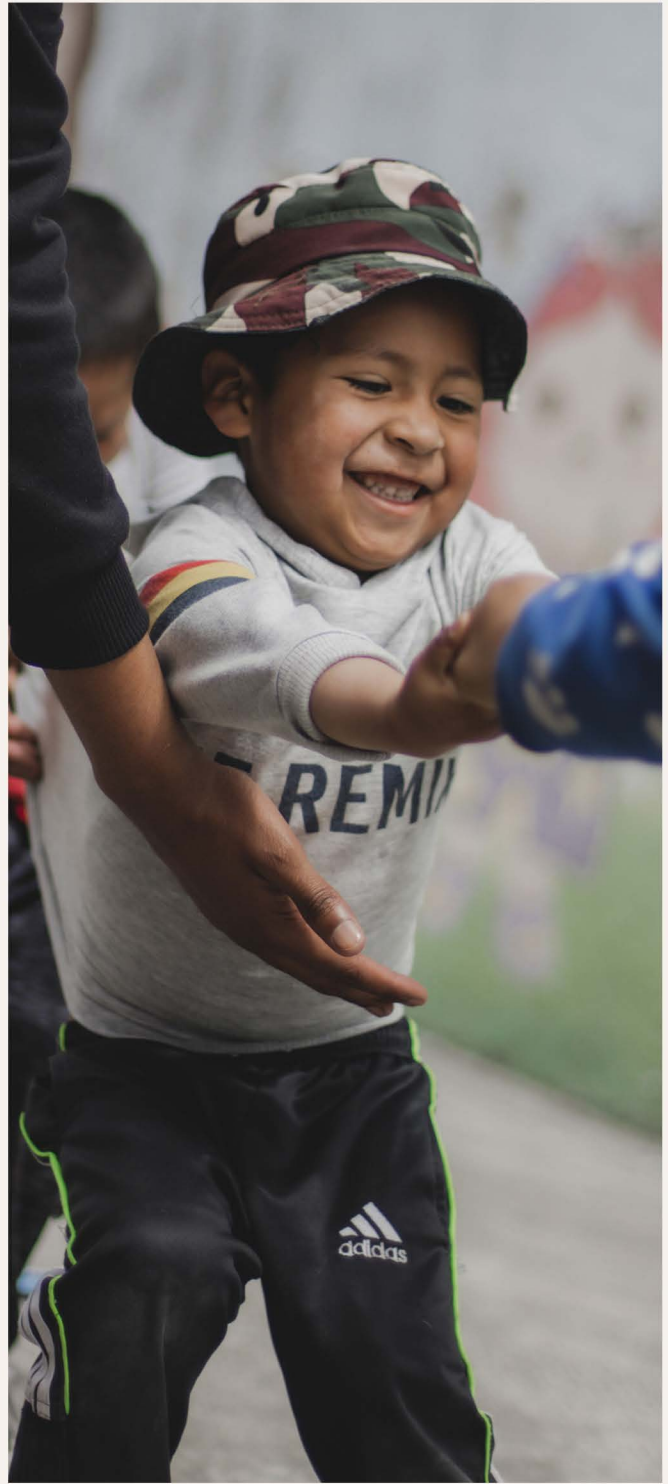
Laly is a visionary leader and a true world-changer, committed to seeing Pan de Vida continue to grow and thrive. However, sustaining and expanding this work requires support—and that's where we come in. Together, we can help ensure that this vital ministry continues to flourish and serve those who need it most.

Pan de Vida is an important weapon in the Kingdom. Far-Flung Tin Can is committed to being a support alongside Laly in seeing the will of God done in the lives of the children served by Pan de Vida. We are thrilled that you are now part of that story, and each one of you are an important piece in the dream of God unfolding in this ministry and in the country of Ecuador. It's our hope that this trip will spark a fire in your for this country and these people.

Why Ecuador?

In 2010, with the launch of Far-Flung Tin Can's ministry and vision, Kyle prayerfully embarked on what we now refer to as The Maiden Voyage. Accompanied by two other Far-Flung Tin Can members, he undertook the organization's first-ever ministry trip, traveling to Ecuador to support the work of Pan de Vida. Since that initial journey, Far-Flung Tin Can has returned to Ecuador multiple times, maintaining an enduring partnership with Pan de Vida from the very inception of our ministry.

We travel to Ecuador every year because so much of Far-Flung Tin Can's core identity was shaped through our experiences there, and our calling remains profoundly intertwined with the people and nation of Ecuador.



Nuts and Bolts

Mission trips involve a significant amount of information to review and share. By providing you with this packet, we aim to equip you with all the essential details well in advance of our departure. This will allow you to begin preparing for the trip early and ensure a smooth and meaningful experience.



Packing Guidelines

Clothing:

- Clothes that you don't care to get messy: Due to the fact that we will be having work days to help do routine maintenance on the building (paint, repair fencing), make sure you bring a few things that you don't mind painting in or even ruining while we're there.
- Church clothes: This doesn't have to be something "dressy." Some jeans and a modest shirt will work perfectly.
- Warm clothes: You will want a sweatshirt or jacket to wear at night and in the mornings.

Toiletries:

- All of your hair products, body wash, deodorant, and anything that would fit into that category can be included here. Any kind of hair dryer, curling iron, or flat iron can be plugged directly into the wall - you will not need a converter.
- Sunscreen: This is something you're definitely going to need. Ecuador is right on the Equator and far above sea level - we don't want you to burn, but it can happen quickly without sunscreen!

Medicine:

- If you have medicines that you take every day, make sure that they are in the original bottle and have your name on them so that there is no issue at the airport.

Passport:

- You literally can't go anywhere without it. Pack it in a safe place.

Money:

- You do not have to exchange money in Ecuador. The only money you'll need to bring is for souvenirs. We will also be going to the mall, the local market, and a restaurant for dinner.

Bible & Journal:

- Besides your passport, this may be the most important thing to bring with you. We foresee the Lord downloading all sorts of things in you during this trip, and you're going to want to write down and record those things. We also want you to come equipped and prepared - don't leave your Sword at home.

Towel and blanket:

- We have been slowly supplying our dorms with furnishings since Summer 2019. We have sheets and pillows on each bed and comfortable alpaca blankets. The rooms have space heaters so they shouldn't be very cold, but the rest of the building can be cold at night. Bring what makes you comfortable. You will need to bring a towel.



Suggested Vaccinations

There are a few vaccines that we would *suggest* you get before going on this trip: Tetanus and Hepatitis A&B. Keep in mind, we aren't doctors. These are just our suggestions, but it would be beneficial to go to a travel clinic and see what they suggest for the trip.

Allergies

If you have any allergies to food, animals, or substances that may cause a reaction, please inform us as soon as possible. This information will help us ensure your safety when selecting groceries and preparing meals during your stay. Additionally, if you require any medication for allergies or allergic reactions, please bring it with you and ensure it is clearly labeled with your name.



a Note from Kyle

We're excited you're joining us on this trip to Pan de Vida. In many ways, this is where a lot of things "Far-Flung" began. It's where we took the initial plunge into telling stories from the field. The staff and children are like our families and we hope you'll grow to see them as family too.

See you soon on this grand adventure to Ecuador!



Tentative Schedule

* Please note that the itinerary for this trip is subject to change due to weather conditions, the evolving needs of the people we serve, unforeseen circumstances, or the guidance of the Lord.

Day 1 Travel day. US > Quito airport > Pan de Vida

Day 2 Tour Pan De Vida. Assess needs and repairs. Sort gifts.

Day 3 Travel to Equator in the morning. Work on Pan De Vida projects and further sort gifts in the evening.

Day 4 Sunday service at Pan De Vida. Lunch with staff. Work on projects and gifts.

Day 5 Christmas program day. Two rounds of kids will come for a program, lesson & gifts.

Day 6 Travel to Agualongo for children's ministry, gifts and home visits.

Day 7 Travel to Teleferico. See the mountains, shop for souvenirs.

Day 8 & 9 Travel back home.

