



Special Report Woodlands Team - 2016

Main Topics

Main Points

Praises/Requests

Dear Friend, Encourager, Partner-in-Mission,

What an amazing week! - Volunteers from the Woodlands Church in Wisconsin joined together with volunteers from the Nazarene Church here in Quito, Ecuador to “grunt and sweat” for Jesus!

In just 4 short days, the team of men re-constructed a 2 - story workshop onto the Dunamis ministry's new property, in which girls, rescued from human-trafficking, will learn work skills helping them to be self-sustainable. In 3 short days, the women's team went through training in order to work with the Dunamis girls, taught the girls some work skills, and painted an entire ministry building! Then on the 4th day, the women prepared and served a meal to approx. 45 women who work in the Zambiza dump, served a meal and played games with 35 of their children who are in the before/after-school program, and then visited with the Zambiza preschoolers in the ministry daycare!

The donations collected and distributed to the Dunamis girls and the Zambiza men, women, and children were an amazing display of the love of Jesus to both the people that the ministries serve and to the staff of those ministries! Each Dunamis girl received socks, undies, some hair products and a manicure set. Each male worker in the Zambiza ministry program was blessed with boxer shorts, socks, and a multi-pocket tool, the women with undies and sanitary hygiene products, the children with socks, undies and toys, and the preschoolers with socks. The team also brought some extra school supplies for the ministry leaders to be able to complete kits for the 40 children who will begin the program this September!

Thanks be to God and to all of you who helped as part of the team, who prayed for team, financially supported the team, and/or contributed the much needed items for the people the team served!

**In the emails that follow we will share with you
some of the photos taken during the week! - - - >**

- * **Thank You Woodlands Church, Doug & Sam Galuk, Greg & Noah Hielema, Jeff & Baylie Disher, Meas & Johanna Vang, Barry & Darrie Nelson, Allan Dickman, Crystal Orlerly, and Anastasia Sosnovske !**
 - * **Muchisimo Gracias Nazarene Church and the Carcelen Fire Department! ***
- Thanks be to God for His Mercy, Faithfulness, and Love !**



Darrell and Sondra Holden

Ripe For Harvest Missionaries - Partnering with Reach Beyond - Ecuador, S.A.



Send Your Financial Gifts to:

Ripe For Harvest
Acct 20319
PO Box 487
Monument CO 80132-0487

Our Email:

dsholden.ec@gmail.com

Our Personal Website:

www.ReachBeyondTheMountains.com

Our Skype Name:

dsholden1

Our Ecuador Cell:

593-099-908-2264

Mail Letters & Cards Locally To:

Darrell and Sondra Holden, c/o Tina Bush, 1250 Peach St, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

Mail Letters & Cards Directly To:

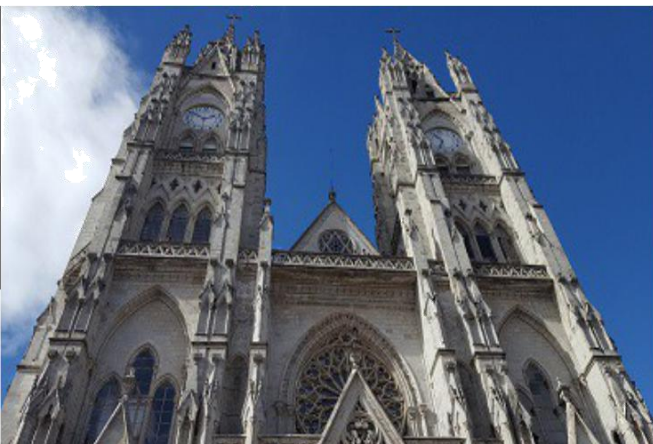
Darrell y Sondra Holden
REACH BEYOND
Casilla 17-17-691
Quito, Ecuador 170508
SOUTH AMERICA

Ship DHL Packages (Under 3 lbs) Directly To:

Darrell y Sondra Holden
REACH BEYOND (frente el Hospital Vozandes)
Oe-52 Villalengua y 10 de Agosto
Quito, Ecuador 170508
SOUTH AMERICA



After a long intercontinental flight and only 5 hrs of sleep, Saturday started with a 6 am breakfast and tours of the ministries! The afternoon entailed lunch in the park, shopping in the local craft market and a climb up the Basilica towers! Then the day ended with a long walk up and down steep streets, a visit near the Presidential palace, a delicious meal on a roof-top terrace, a ride in a crowded trolley, and a 3-hour cultural music and dance event in a theatre! The team was happy, excited, adventurous, and after a 15-hr day of multiple activities -VERY, VERY tired !

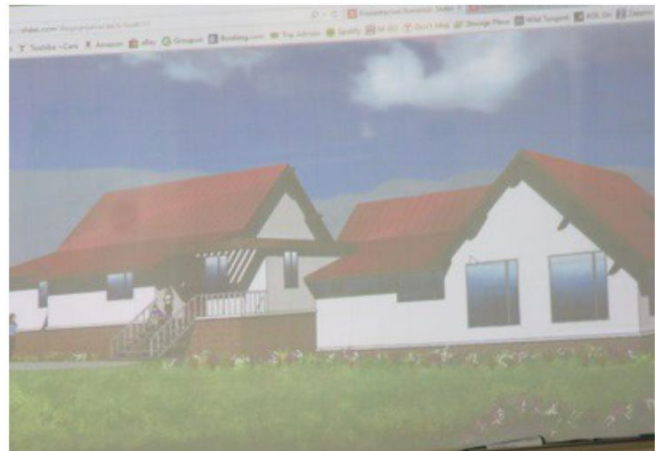




On Sunday, the team slept in and then joined us at the 10 am service at the Nazarene Church. They mingled among the Ecuadorians and then joined in worship providing guitar music and songs in both English and Spanish. Later in the afternoon, they visited our apartment before walking to Carmen's house (the family with whom we lived during language school) and shared in a delicious traditional Ecuadorian meal. Afterward, the Woodlands and the Nazarene Church volunteers held their meetings preparing for the week ahead!



On Monday morning, while the men examined the foundation laid for the reconstruction of the workshop and reviewed what tools were needed, the women were examining the roots of human trafficking and learning what tools were needed to interact with the girls. Everyone knew this day, that not only the week ahead, but many months to come, will require building this ministry upon a firm foundation of hard work, stamina and much prayer !



Future "Forever Home" for the Girls



Framework going up.



Greg Hielema keeping things level.



Meas Vang taking a water break.



Clouds roll in at 13,000 ft altitude.



Alan Dickman welding and grinding metal.



**Guys taking a lunch break
enjoying Ecuadorian meals
home-cooked on-site
by volunteers from
the Nazarene Church in Quito.**





Welding in the support braces.



Hey, we're up on the 2nd story !



Lots of ladders - - -



- - - and scaffolding !



Learning to trust hand - made ladders !!!



Awesome view from the second story !!!

The Ecuadorian volunteers, drivers, and ministry staff expressed that they could not believe how hard the N. American's worked!

**They said, "Man, they just keep going and going!
We've never seen a team work like this before! "**

Great job guys!



Sheet metal walls going up.



The challenge of working in the clouds!



The team can barely see Boris' house.



Packing things up for the day.



A new day to work with sheet-metal walls. Boris (founder of Dunamis) and Jeff Disher.



**Three walls are complete,
the window frames are in,
and the cement block
is being put into place
to secure the first story.**

**The guys are feeling good
about the progress!**





Noah and Sam Galuk filling in mortar.



Block by block the wall goes up.



Security wall is almost complete.



Women signal that it's lunchtime.



Men appreciating the hands that prepared the meals.



Several men and women of the Nazarene Church, and 3 of the local firefighters joined together with the Woodlands Team to provide helping-hands to the construction workers, home-cooked meals, and transportation for the volunteers !

What an incredible display of people from 2 countries, 2 cultures, 2 churches, and 2 denominations, working together to serve the Lord and the people of Ecuador !



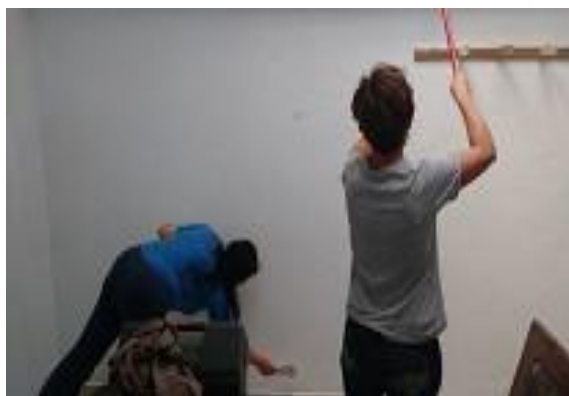
U.S. football & racing fans Sam & Doug Galuk, & Noah H.



Well done good and faithful servants!

**The Women's Team -
Crystal of Dunamis, Sondra Holden,
Anastasia Sosnovske, Crystal Orley,
Marjorie of the Nazarene Seminary,
Baylie Disher, Patricia of the Nazarene
Church, Naty of Dunamis, Verito of the
Nazarene Church, and Johanna Vang**

**North American women
and Ecuadorian women
serving the Lord together at Dunamis !**



**Painting
for
Jesus !**



Serving girls rescued from human-trafficking !

(The girls faces are blurred to protect them from their perpetrators - mafia, gang members, abusive relatives)



Serving meals to the women of Zambiza dump workers and their children !



Providing school supplies and other basic needs for the children and their families !



THANK YOU LORD FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING IN ECUADOR !