

## **Exciting Eight-Day Exploratory Trip to Ecuador with UMVIM, SEJ and SIFAT**

**October 30- November 6, 2006  
Cost \$1450 From Atlanta, Georgia**

**PURPOSE: To acquaint future team leaders and team members with leaders and mission opportunities in Ecuador. Co-leaders: Tom Corson of SIFAT and Nick Elliott of UMVIM, SEJ.**

We will be able to visit on-going mission opportunities SIFAT is involved with as well as new Methodist projects. Included in our visit are at least three Methodist sites chosen by Bishop Cabezas. One will probably be a Methodist daycare center in south Quito. Another is school/church facility at the base of Mt. Cotopaxi - the world's highest active volcano (it doesn't appear to be active but scientist tell is it is). Another probable project is about 2 hours north of Quito. We will have an option to visit the Tsachilas indigenous community in Santo Domingo - this would be an opportunity for medical teams but travel is 4-5 hours from Quito. These are the guys that paint their hair red with native berries.

We will attend the Methodist Church in down town Quito. While in Quito we will be staying in the Tambo Real hotel. In the evenings there is some opportunity to site see. The hotel has access to a couple of computers with Internet and there are numerous Internet cafes within easy walking distance. On Saturday and Sunday there is an active market in the park a few blocks from the hotel.

Altitude is approximately 9,000 feet. Consult your physician concerning personal health issues relating to altitude. Weather is described as year round spring although it gets cool at night.

We will fly non-stop from Atlanta. Prices include in-country meals, lodging, water, airport exit tax, UMVIM emergency evacuation insurance, and in country transportation. It does not include medical insurance, which can be obtained upon request for a nominal fee.

### **Recreational options to consider:**

Middle of the world (Equator park) \$25 per person including meal & transportation (1/2 day)

Mindo Nambillo (cloud) forest (\$65 per person) is a protected reserve harboring a great variety of birds as well as orchids and bromeliads. This beautiful valley is located at 0 degrees 00'46" latitude north, amidst the exuberant vegetation of the cloud forest northeast of Quito. The reserve features spectacular flora and fauna, beautiful cloud forest and many waterfalls with 350 species of birds and is one of the best places in the country to see Cock-of-the-rock, Toucan-Barbet. It is surrounded by dairy farms on the slopes of the volcano Pichincha ranging in altitude from 1,400 to 4,700 meters. Meals and transportation are included.

This will be an educational, inspirational and inspiring eight days as we find new ways to serve this underserved South American country.

Twenty-person maximum.