

Thank You for Your Interest!



"We, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." Romans 12:5

Moving Forward!!

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much, for joining my team!! I am so excited to share my heart and my journey with my friends and family!! I so appreciate your prayers and support and I hope that each adventure I share brings something new and exciting to each of you!! This first newsletter is meant to give you a snapshot of what I will be doing in Ecuador. I will also lay out a brief timeline of what it will take for me to get to Quito in one piece.

The Long-term Goal:

At an elevation of just over 9,000 ft. and only slightly south of the equator, lies Quito, the capital city of Ecuador. Youth World, a ministry of International Teams (ITeams), has been working and flourishing in the Quito area since 1994. Once I set down in Quito, I will be working with a Youth World program called Quito Quest. Quito Quest is a program built to "expose youth, adults and families to missions, ministry and the world." My role as a site host will be two fold. First, I will host the short term missions teams that come to Quito from other areas of the world. I will plug them into communities of need, travel with them through the city, and act as a common point between cultures, languages and people. Second, I will make sure that the various ITeams and Youth World ministries are meeting the ongoing needs of the people in my Quito community. This will require A LOT of relationship building, networking and, again, I will be acting as a common point, this time between communities, individuals and the ministries built to serve them.

The Stepping Stones:

- *June 2016* – I spent a week in Elgin, IL at ITeams employee orientation.
- *Today* - I am just beginning the fundraising process!! No organization or ministry can survive without the proper funding. Before I can leave for Ecuador, I have to raise the funds to support the ministry and the team I will be working with. My personal goal is to be fully funded by January 2017!!

- *February 2017* - I will be back in Elgin, IL for my final ITeams training classes.
- *Spring 2017* - Assuming full funding, I will be headed to Costa Rica for a semester or two of language school.
- *Winter 2017* - I will finally board a plane for Quito, Ecuador!!!

What you can do:

- Please consider being either a one-time or monthly donor to the ITeams ministry that I will be serving with in Quito. Use the link below to begin supporting now.
- Please pray for my fundraising goal. Pray that my excitement for Jesus and Ecuador will shine and that others will want to be a part of the ITeams family!
- Please begin praying for the work that is currently being done in Quito communities and for the team that I will soon be a part of. Pray that lives and communities are being transformed by the power of God!!
- Spread the word! Please share my newsletter and blog posts with friends, family and on social media!

Again, thank you for your love, support and prayers!! This is a journey that absolutely requires a team, a family and a mighty God to complete. I cannot express how much I appreciate all of you!!

So much love,
Chelsea Diefenbach

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Learn more about Youth World at <http://youthworld.org.ec/>



To sponsor my team in Quito, Ecuador go to:
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NO TURNING BACK

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