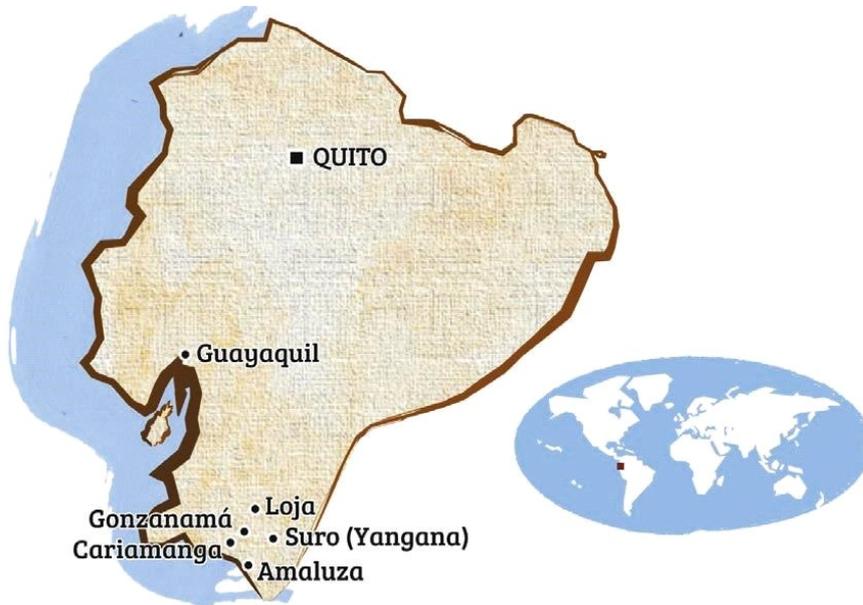


# Ecuador



*We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.*

2 Corinthians 5:20

## Vision

As a team of Christ's ambassadors, SIM Ecuador exists in love to proclaim and to live out his message of reconciliation. We do so in the power and for the glory of God. In partnership with the church, we want to make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in communities where He is least known.

## Ministry

- *Waves of Hope* radio station
- Evangelism, disciple-making, and training
- Church planting
- Mission mobilisation and *Impacto Mundial*
- *Equipping Servants* theological education program
- Growing Pastors bookshop and training centre
- Ministry to women and children
- *El Sendero* — youth ministry and student outreach
- Medical, counselling, and drama ministries
- Trauma Healing, earthquake relief ministry
- Internship training program
- Missionary children study centre in Loja

## Communities where Christ is least known

### Southern cantons of Loja Province

The town of Cariamanga is part of a new priority area of SIM Ecuador. Of the 77,000 people in Cariamanga, around 0.1 per cent are forming Christ-centred communities. Many people remain strongly tied to Roman Catholicism, although not knowing Roman Catholic doctrine very well. People practice a Folk-Catholicism, namely animistic beliefs mixed with traditional Catholic church life. Healers, shamans, and superstition are as important as the practices of the traditional church. These beliefs still impact the lives of evangelical believers, who face opposition when they deny the traditional beliefs of their family. Around 12 to 15 per cent of this area's population are illiterate. Youth continue to move to cities. The few small churches that exist need resources and training in evangelism, discipleship, church planting, and doctrine in order to make an impact in their communities. The churches need a vision for the lost and scattered people of their own region. A major obstacle are the many present sects, which distort the teaching of the gospel and confuse the believers.



### College students and youth

The need for gospel proclamation among the thousands of university students and youth between 15 and 25 years old in the city of Loja is receiving a greater focus. There is a clear vision to disciple university students and establish a ministry in the two main university campuses in Loja. Students and young workers are looking for a brighter future and, through relationships, we seek to reach this community.



## Pray for

- believers in rural areas to be courageous ambassadors for Christ.
- efforts in rural Loja Province to connect and support churches through teaching, resources and outreach.
- wisdom and direction, as we work with others to establish a ministry on the two university campuses.
- continued work in urban areas, alongside the local church.
- wisdom as we consider new ministries to least reached areas of Ecuador.

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