



March 2026

**The One Where We Went to
Quito, Ecuador**



This Spring Break, we took a team to Quito, Ecuador to support the local team.

WHO:

The US team included myself, four Cru-Dallas-High-School College-Age Volunteers, one Wisconsin High-Schooler, one Staff-Kid-Turned-Adult & two Cru-High-School-Leadership-Staff.
(say that 5-times fast lol)

WHAT:

A Cru High School Mission Trip.

WHEN:

We went March 13-22, 2026.

WHERE:

Quito, Ecuador.

WHY:

- Ultimately, the goal was to see more students experience the freedom of Christ as they surrendered their lives to Him.
- Also the purpose was to come alongside our Ecuadorian team to assist them in launching Cru at a local campus.
- Another goal included giving our team members the opportunity to step out in faith & experience a culture totally new to them.





HOW:

We were given access to two schools where we would go into the classrooms & follow this outline:

- 1) Introduce ourselves with our name & a fun fact
- 2) Play a silly game
- 3) One person share their testimony (the story of how they came to know Christ personally)
- 4) Split into small groups & use a tool that fosters conversation with intent to listen well & share the Gospel clearly.

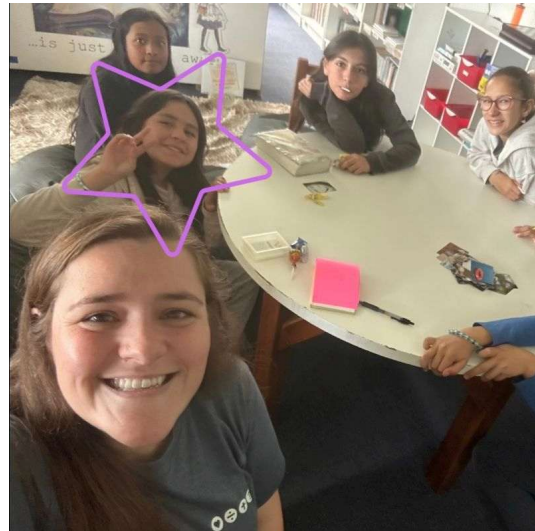




HOW pt. 2:

We hosted 3 large fiestas! We provided refreshments, games, music, testimonies, Gospel-presentations & fun!

Some of the students we encountered in the classes we attended were in the fiestas we hosted too.



WINS (I personally experienced):

The girl on the left in the green star didn't accept Christ & believes in a religion specific to where she grew up in China, but we connected so much! I will continue praying for her & ask that you join me in that. Ask me her name in person <3

The girl on the right in the purple star truly understood what it meant for Jesus's sacrifice to be the only qualification to enter heaven. She already believed herself to be a Christian, but in her new understanding of the Gospel, she chose to accept Christ's sacrifice for her life. PRAISE GOD!!



MISSION-WIDE WINS:

- 800 students participated in spiritual conversations
- **30 students came to know Christ personally!**
- shy team members shared boldly
- team members without a clear path found direction
- team members found authentic community
- team members practiced walking in the power of the Spirit
- team members exercised Spiritual Breathing

- team members realized their potential
- team members let their walls down
- team members practiced conflict resolution
- team members experienced incredible bonding with our American team of 9, as well as with the Ecuadorian team, who welcomed us with open arms.

Thank you for joining me on the journey & sharing in these wins with me <3
May these wins bless you as they blessed me (:

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