

COMMISSIONING OF THE ECUADOR MISSION TEAM

Members and friends of Spanish Fort United Methodist Church, the Great Commission given by our Lord is still in effect today, and the call is great upon each one of us to answer in our own way. Before us today stand those, who are ready for a particular assignment as volunteers in mission, who wish to dedicate themselves to their task. Now we as a congregation are to commission them and send them forth in the name of Christ and the Church.

(To the team members), We rejoice that you have resolved in your hearts to devote time, talents, and energy to this mission of serving to the ends of the earth. Your labors will take you to the people of Ecuador. They will also be in mission to you as they likewise share their faith. Through word and deed, you are to testify to the infinite love of God. Such a task confers a great privilege. It also places upon you a solemn responsibility. What you have done alone with God in offering yourself for this mission we now ask you to do publicly in the presence of this congregation.

Do you sincerely believe that you have been led by the Spirit of God to engage in this ministry to Ecuador?

MISSIONERS: I do so believe.

MINISTER: Will you earnestly seek to carry forward this ministry in a Christ-like manner, in cooperation with your fellow team members and leader, and in full respect of the national church officials and local hosts?

MISSIONERS: I will, the Lord being my helper.

(The missionaries will then kneel for prayer.)

MINISTER AND CONGREGATION: Almighty God, whose love for the whole family of humankind has been made known to us through your Son, send thy blessing upon these your servants soon to go forth on this mission assignment. Grant that they be guided and strengthened for their task; that they be open to new truths and insights from their hosts, and that they be given good health and traveling mercies; to the end that your name be glorified in all the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (UMVIM, SEJ Team Leader Handbook)

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