



Tignor's Tracks

Following the Savior's Footsteps in Ecuador

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Dear Pastor and Church Family,

June 2023

I met Pedro (Peter in English) several years ago when I bought some honey from him. Yes, you guessed it—he is a beekeeper. This year my knee has been getting worse, so I needed to find someone to help me maintain the property where we have church. After trying several young people, who don't seem to want a lasting commitment, I asked Pedro, who is around sixty years old, if he would be willing to help one day a week. He started helping me about two months ago.

Pedro is Catholic, but was willing to listen as we talked about the differences between religion and what the Bible truly teaches. On June nineteenth, after Pedro ate his lunch, I was able to present the gospel of Jesus Christ to him. We talked about sin and our separation from God for eternity if we do not resolve the issue. Repentance was discussed based on Jesus preaching the gospel in Mark 1:14-15. The last thing we discussed was what faith in Jesus Christ meant. After asking some questions he prayed and accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior. When I asked him why he would go to heaven, he replied, because Jesus saved me and is in my heart. Pray for his wife Maria, who is not saved.

Nexar Cobeña, a car body shop technician, accepted Christ and attended the church for several years. After his wife left him, he got even more involved and decided to be baptized. Desiring to serve the Lord, he would help all he could whenever we had a church work day, and prayed for his children to come to know the Lord. But then sin crept in, and he began to distance himself from the church.

I was able to talk to Nexar this week, due to having a little accident with my van. I was backing up on our property, and ran the open back door into a concrete post, buckling the back gate on the van. Nexar was able to bend it back out, and now I just need to replace the back window glass and touch up the paint. I am hoping to be able to do that next week. Nexar has promised me he will come to church in two weeks. Please pray that God will work in his heart and life. Sometimes the work here gets lonely, especially when we see so many people who have walked away from God.

Our city was without water for over a week due to a transformer malfunction in the water treatment plant. It made life challenging having to severely ration our water usage, but eventually we were able to get a water tanker truck one evening to fill our cistern. After making the hungry truck driver a sandwich, Lois struck up a conversation with him and was able to present the gospel to him. He gratefully accepted a gospel tract and a Bible. Please pray that Carlos would be saved.

Please continue to pray as we start scheduling churches for our furlough in 2024. Pray for the Lord's clear leading in the lives of our children. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and financial support. We appreciate you so much.

Serving the Lord in Portoviejo, Ecuador,

Chris & Lois Tignor

Children: Elisabeth, James, Grace, Christina, and Daniel

P.S. I am sending the U.S. state department's information on Ecuador as an extra prayer request. We are living in the Manabí province where crime is increasing dramatically.

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Ecuador - Level 2: Exercise Increased Caution

Reissued with updates to the kidnapping indicator and crime information in the provinces of El Oro, Manabí, Santo Domingo, Los Rios, Santa Elena, Cañar, and Carchi.

Exercise increased caution in Ecuador due to **civil unrest, crime, and kidnapping**. Some areas have increased risk. Read the entire Travel Advisory.

Reconsider travel to:

- Guayaquil **north** of Portete de Tarquí Avenue due to **crime**.
- El Oro province outside the cities of Huaquillas and Arenillas, due to **crime**.
- Los Rios province outside the cities of Quevedo, Quinsaloma, and Pueblo Viejo, due to **crime**.
- All areas south of Esmeraldas city in Esmeraldas province, due to **crime**.
- The provinces of Sucumbíos, Manabí, Santa Elena, and Santo Domingo due to **crime**.

Do not travel to:

- Guayaquil, **south** of Portete de Tarquí Avenue, due to **crime**.
- The cities of Huaquillas and Arenillas in the province of El Oro, due to **crime**.
- The cities of Quevedo, Quinsaloma, and Pueblo Viejo in the province of Los Rios, due to **crime**.
- Esmeraldas city and all areas north of Esmeraldas city in Esmeraldas province, due to **crime**.

Country Summary: Crime is a widespread problem in Ecuador. **Violent crime, such as murder, assault, kidnapping, and armed robbery, is prevalent and widespread.** The rate of violent crime is significantly higher in areas where transnational criminal organizations are concentrated.

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Demonstrations occur frequently throughout the country, usually motivated by political and/or economic factors. Demonstrators routinely block local roads and major highways, often without prior notice. Past demonstrations have varied in duration, with some extending for several days or weeks. Blocked roads may significantly reduce access to public transportation, health services, and airports and may disrupt travel both within and between cities.

Outside of Ecuador's urban and semi-urban population centers, much of the country's territory is sparsely populated and isolated. First responders' and U.S. government officials' access to rural and remote regions of the country is often extremely limited and can lead to significant delays in assistance to U.S. citizens in these areas.

Read the [country information page](#) for additional information on traveling to Ecuador.

If you decide to travel to Ecuador:

- Enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) to receive Alerts and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Follow the Department of State on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#)
- Review the [Country Security Report](#) for Ecuador.
- Prepare a contingency plan for emergency situations. Review the [Traveler's Checklist](#).
- Visit the CDC page for the latest [Travel Health Information](#) related to your travel.

Level 4: Do Not Travel

Guayaquil, **south** of Portete de Tarquí Avenue, due to **crime**.

The cities of Huaquillas and Arenillas in the Province of El Oro, due to **crime**.

The cities of Quevedo, Quinsaloma, and Pueblo Viejo in the province of Los Rios, due to **crime**.

Esmeraldas city and all areas north of Esmeraldas city in Esmeraldas province, due to **crime**.

Transnational criminal groups and local gangs regularly engage in violent criminal acts in these areas, including indiscriminate attacks without warning in public spaces. Violent crimes have included murder, targeted assassinations, armed robberies, bombings, kidnappings, and assaults, among others. Violence in these areas has steadily increased in frequency and brutality in recent months, posing an increased security risk to U.S. citizens. U.S. government personnel are prohibited from traveling to these areas

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without prior authorization. As a result, the U.S. government is limited in its ability to provide emergency services to U.S. citizens in these areas.

Level 3: Reconsider Travel

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El Oro province outside the cities of Huaquillas and Arenillas, due to **crime**.

Los Rios province outside the cities of Quevedo, Quinsaloma, and Pueblo Viejo, due to **crime**.

All areas south of Esmeraldas city in Esmeraldas province, due to **crime**.

The provinces of Sucumbíos, **Manabí**, Santa Elena, and Santo Domingo, **due to crime**.

Transnational criminal groups and local gangs have sporadically engaged in violent criminal activity in these areas, with violence increasing in recent months. U.S. government personnel are directed to **exercise extreme caution and maintain increased vigilance** when traveling in and around these areas.

Visit our website for [Travel to High-Risk Areas](#).