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to improve spiritual and
physical health through
Life-Giving Water

NEWSLETTER

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"If you are thirsty, come to me and drink! ... and you will have life-giving water flowing from deep inside you."

Jesus—Gospel of John 7:37-38 (CEV)



SUMMER INTERNS TRAIN IN ECUADOR

Hard working communities committed to the vision of improving health continue building their water systems designed by our inspired team members. In the past several months, **Life Giving Water International** hosted three church ministry teams and two university teams to encourage these industrious communities.

Church ministry teams came from Alaska, Illinois, and Massachusetts to participate in water system construction and spring protection, while also sharing their faith with community members through VBS lessons for children and worship services. Two university teams from Michigan, participated in water quality testing and research of rural water system chlorination.

Cedarville University engineering students, Danny, Kennedy, and Andrew, joined the **LGWI** team this summer to contribute their skills to the ministry and learn Biblically based community development water ministry. Heidi, a recent high school graduate from Michigan fluent in Spanish, assisted with Vacation Bible School lessons in numerous communities and served as camp counselor in the jungle.



*A church team of 15 from Massachusetts worked alongside the people of **Guaslán Grande** to protect two of the community's springs*



*(above) A team of four students and two professors from the **Clean Water Institute of Calvin University** completed water quality testing in four communities.*



*(left) The community of **Pull San Jose** invested months of hard labor protecting spring water sources, digging 14 miles of pipe trench, and building 11 reservoirs and tanks to complete their water system. A visiting team of 17 from an Alaskan church worked several days in April, to help them.*

INTERN TAKEAWAYS

Andrew said: “The **CODEINSE** crew is a joy to work with, laugh with, and learn from. I am grateful for community experiences, conversations with taxi drivers, the hospitality of my host mom Inés, soccer games, and more. I learned engineering, Spanish, and a clearer perspective on holistic Christian living. How crazy that all of this happened in two months. I’m grateful!”

Danny concluded: “Working with **LGWI**, I am trained to think like a civil engineer from designing, calculating, manual labor, and community development discussions. The most extraordinary life-fulfilling experience is to see the ever-expanding unfinished mission work and be a channel to help humanitarian donors appreciate the water they have and willingly support community development in faith.”

Heidi added: “I’m beyond grateful for the opportunity to spend the summer as an intern with **LGWI**! I enjoyed visiting communities and witnessing their ownership over their projects. I also visited many ministries throughout Ecuador which allowed me to see individuals and families responding to God’s call. Overall, this internship was an amazing experience and has profoundly shaped my faith and view of the world.”

Kennedy said: “It was such a blessing to work with **LGWI/CODEINSE** this summer! It was amazing to



The summer interns not only enjoyed their daily tasks and learned about community development, but they also enjoyed weekend hikes and excursions. Here are the interns (L to R—Kennedy, Heidi, Danny, and Andrew) at the highest point at Laguna Quilotoa.

work alongside and learn from godly missionaries. Throughout this internship I was graced by the hospitality of Quichua community members, witnessed the gospel’s transformative power at a Waorani church, and gained a greater understanding of biblical community development. Thank you, Lord, for this incredible opportunity!”

ONGOING PROJECTS AND MINISTRY

- After months of hard manual work by the community of **Pull San José**, their completed water system now provides clean spring water to each home of the 205 families.
- Spring protection work was completed in the community of **Sacahuan Tíocajas** (60 families) and the team continues working with **Guaslán Grande** (334 families) to protect the community’s eight springs.
- The topographic surveys have been completed for the communities of **San Martin Bajo**, **Sacahuan Tíocajas**, **Atapo**, and **Guaslán Grande** and design of these water distribution systems is currently underway.
- Leaders from **Columbe**, **Guamote**, and **Colta** have seen the work the **CODEINSE/LGWI** team has done in communities and requested help to improve the water quality of spring water sources supplying communities in their areas.

OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE

- **Engineer volunteers** needed to design community water systems and manage projects.
- **Communications Director** needed for written and visual media communications.

For further information: www.lgwi.org or write to mail@lifegivingwaterinternational.org

- \$300 per home needed for the **Guaslán Grande** community water system to serve 334 families.

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