

Today our VBS attendance was up by 50%! We are excited to learn that some of the children who had stopped coming to the homework program have returned. We were surprised this morning when children began to arrive before 9 AM. VBS begins at 10 AM, so we quickly organized some games.

The lesson today is about Noah and we are building an ark. Oscar Destrugue told the story of Noah, with the help of a Noah mask made by Lynne Taylor.

Simon Says game







Noah tells his story

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Building the ark.



Making the rainbow



Margarita Destruge & Pablo



Lorraine DeArmitt helps with

crafts

Arturo Maine with young children's class





Dale Ashby & Bill Moore



prepare recreation





Daniel Eritria helps with crafts



Oscar & children

Now we have constructed the arc of creation (Monday) and the ark of salvation (Tuesday). Tomorrow we will begin teaching about being a disciple of Jesus Christ.



Karen Monk and Doug Sturm are working with 3 Ecuadorian team members to scrape and paint the exterior of the Emmanuel UMC building.



After lunch we traveled to Atacucho where a mission church is led by Pastor Ramiro (Emmanuel's pastor). Atacucho is about 20 minutes away, and the contrast between the homes around Quito and the homes in Atacucho underlines the stark reality of poverty. Pastor Ramiro is trying to begin a school on the grounds of the church. He is currently trying to find desks and chairs for classrooms and construct a playground, either on the roof of the building or on a vacant lot located next to the church.





Downtown Quito. Airport is in the middle of the picture.



Here are 2 pictures of homes in Atacuco.



Our day ends with a walk downtown to purchase ice cream and Cinnabons. God is good