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LATINA 2006 "Embrace Your Calling"



In the outskirts of Quito, Ecuador lies a small seminary campus which houses about 70 students a year. It is a quiet, serene place where much worship and study take place. Who would imagine

that in only nine months the campus would be swarmed by over 1,000 young people ready to "embrace their calling"?

In February, I joined a group of leaders in Ecuador to plan this Urbana-style conference for Latin youth. Sixteen representatives from eight countries put their heads together for three intense days to jump-start a seemingly impossible planning process. It became obvious to us that this is no man-size task.



As we have prayed together as a group, we are excited to motivate a generation toward vocational ministries, that they would seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness in their lives. In the words of the director of Latina, "The goal of our conference is not to train people but to change them dramatically."

As leaders who started Latina, we decided that if we truly believe that God is calling the next generation to vocational ministries, we needed to show it and trust God to raise up young people to take the reins of the next conference. Latina 2006 has a different face from the first conference that took place in Panama in 2003. This Latina is being led by five 20-somethings. From El Salvador: Luis David (Promotion Coordinator), Mauricio (Program Coordinator), and Delia (Registration Coordinator). From Colombia: Santiago (Worship and Prayer Coordinator) and Juliana (Communication Coordinator).

With airfare costs high, and visa requirements for travel costing \$60 per person, attendance of this conference will be challenging for the average Latin youth. So, as a group we have set a goal to raise half of the necessary funds for young people to attend Latina 2006. This means we need to raise \$165 dollars per person, or at least \$165,000! Yes, a God-size task!

Thank you for joining us as we pray for these God-size tasks:

- Please pray that God would call young people from all over Latin America to attend this conference.
- Please pray for Luis David, Mauricio, Delia, Santiago, and Juliana in their role as coordinators of LATINA 2006.
- Please pray for the finances needed to make it possible for young people to attend.

The battle is not ours, but God's,



