

NAME OF MOTHER CHURCH: "Iglesia del Nazareno Macas" (Nazarene Church in Macas) **ICP #:** EC-227

NAME OF PROPOSED DAUGHTER CHURCH: (Nazarene Church in Gualaquiza)

1. Denomination/ICP.

a. What is your denomination? Nazarene Church

b. What are your key beliefs?

1. We believe in: God's Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit)
2. Jesus Christ
3. The Holy Spirit
4. The Holy Scriptures
5. Original and Personal Sin
6. Expiation
7. Prevenient Grace
8. Repentance
9. Justification, Regeneration and Adoption
10. Christian Holiness and Full Sanctification
11. Church
12. Baptism
13. Holy Supper
14. Divine Healing

c. What is your mode of baptism?

We believe that Christian bap

d. How often do you celebrate communion? Once a month

e. How large is your group/denomination? The Nazarene Church is a worldwide congregation that currently works in 162 countries. In Ecuad

f. How many affiliated churches in your country?

204 churches and 20 missions

g. How long has your denomination/group worked with Compassion in your country?

The Nazarene Church was opened in Ecuador in 1972 and started working with

h. How many active projects does your denomination/group have with Compassion in your country? 33

i. Please list most recently established opened ICPs (up to 3):

1. EC-284 "Las Naves" Project in Bolivar Provinc

2. EC-288 "Montalvo" Project in Los Rios Provinc

3. EC-282 "San Pablo" Project in Bolivar Provinc

2. Daughter Church Location and Need.

- a. What is the name of the community where the Daughter Church will be located? (Please indicate community and specific neighborhood name, if applicable.)

Gualaquiza Canton, Morona Santiago Province, Ecuador

- b. What is the approximate distance (km) from the Mother Church to the proposed Daughter Church location? Gualaquiza is 160.7 kilomet

- c. What percentage of the community population are children? 44.2% of the province's pop

- d. What type of work is available for people to make a living?

The main job sources are: animal breeding, agriculture, commerce, construction, public jobs, etc.

- e. What does a typical home look like here?

70% are small houses made of wood and concrete, 8.8% are tiny ranches, and 7.4% are huts.

- f. What assets and strengths does this community have?

1. Natural richness. This zone is located in the Amazon Basin, so there are rivers, abundant vegetation, mountains and wide biodiversity (flora and fauna).

- g. In two sentences or more, please describe why a church is needed here:

1. There are only a few Christian churches here
2. The percentage of evangelicals does not exceed 5% of the entire population

- h. Are there any other active ministries sharing the gospel or evangelizing in this area?

The other Christian churches in the zone are: "Verbo," "Semillitas del Reino" (Independent), "Vida Eterna" (Independent), and "Luz del Mundo."

3. **Capacity.**

a. How many churches has your denomination/group planted before? 3 churches in 2017

i. How many churches has the Mother Church ICP planted previously?

Only one congregation.

Please list any existing Daughter Churches that are Compassion ICPs.

b. What is your church planting vision for the future?

Our vision is to open new churches in other areas of Gualaquiza Canton and then go to Zamora Chinchipe Province, where there are no Nazarene Churches yet.

c. How does your group provide support, encouragement, and accountability for the new Daughter Church and her planter?

Mentorship for pastors, training new zone leaders through discipleship processes, frequent training events, work meetings on a weekly basis

d. Name of planter/pastor of the new Daughter Church? Isaac Almendaris and Belén Ramos (they are a married couple)

e. Name of pastor of the Mother Church? Antonio Lucero López

f. What type of oversight will you implement with the new Daughter Church?

We will carry out a weekly meeting with the ministerial board for two specific purposes: 1) Planning, organization and assess of the program and the church; and 2) Training on evangelization and discipleship processes called "To be and to make disciples."

Besides, the Nazarene Church is an organization that works with representatives. It is organized as church, so the pastor works along with a local board. Every year, there's a

- g. Please include a brief (5-10 sentences) biography on the Daughter Church pastor. (For example, do they have a family? What is their testimony? Why do they feel called to minister here?)

Isaac Almendaris is from Quito City and he's 25 years old. He's married to Belén Ramos (27), from Chile, the daughter of a couple of pastors and missionaries. They got married 2 years ago. Both are active members of the Nazarene Church in Macas. Isaac serves as president of the Youth Group of Austro District (Morona Santiago Province) and he also works at the Nazarene Church in Macas. Belén started working at the same church in EC227 Ministry a year ago. This couple is committed to the

4. **Daughter Church Pastoral Support.**

- a. How far from the new Daughter Church site will the pastor live?

The new pastor in charge of the church will move to Gualaquiza Township.

- b. How will the planter/pastor earn a living?

That person will be part of the project's staff along with his wife.

- i. If the Pastor will earn income outside of support from the church, please indicate how:

They are artists, so that's what they'll occasionally do to earn a living. They paint murals, signs and graffiti, and they customize car painting too.

- c. Will there be financial support from the denomination? YES NO