

We worked at two sites in Guayaquil, Ecuador the first week of March, 2010. Dr Daniel Valverde (an Ecuadorian Optometrist) was the in country contact. This was my 9th VOSH trip and it was one of the most efficient because of Dr Valverde"s organizational skills in Ecuador.

Our first work site was in southern Guayaquil at Virgin del Quinche with the help from the Guayaquil Kennedy Lions Club. The second site was in northern Guayaquil at

Fundacion Maria Eugenia. At the first site we saw 1029 patients and at the second site we saw 350 patients. There were 912 females and 485 males. There were 63 patients referred for cataracts, and 39 referred for other pathologies. We referred to ophthalmology- Fundacion Ver es Vivir. We dispensed 1573 plus glasses, 392 minus glasses, and 150 plano sunglasses.

Ecuadorian Customs let our equipment in and out of the country without any tax but we paided \$400.00 tax on the glasses (after 36 hours of negotiation.

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