

# Jeff & Terri Rains

## Preparing to serve in Loja, Ecuador

### Frequently Asked Questions



#### *What is SIM?*

SIM is an international mission organization with more than 1,600 active missionaries serving in more than 50 countries. SIM members serve God among many diverse people groups in Africa, Asia, and South America. For more information about SIM, visit their website: [www.sim.org](http://www.sim.org)

#### *How did you make the connection with SIM?*

We have known about SIM for around twenty years. While serving as missionaries in Ecuador, we had the privilege of working together with SIM missionaries and learning more about the mission. So it has been a growing relationship over several years that God has used to bring us to this point of making plans to serve with SIM in Loja, Ecuador.

#### *How are SIM's missionaries supported?*

SIM is a faith mission. This means missionaries receive prayer and financial support from churches, friends, and others who believe in their ministry.

#### *Are gifts to SIM tax deductible? Yes.*

#### *Where can I find information about the financial credibility of SIM?*

- ECFA (Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability): <http://www.ecfa.org/MemberProfile.aspx?ID=5840>
- SIM-USA Investor Relations: <http://www.simusa.org/index.php/category/investor-relations>

#### *How many financial supporters will you need to provide your monthly support?*

This will depend on the faith promise commitment of each supporter, but the table on the right gives a breakdown of what our support team might look like, based on an analysis of support received from individuals and churches during our last year in Ecuador. Would you prayerfully consider partnering with us to transform lives in the forgotten province of Loja? You could choose to support us at one of the amounts listed in the table or another amount, as God leads you. Thank you!

Number of Supporters	Amount	Total
25	\$20.00	\$500.00
24	\$30.00	\$720.00
20	\$50.00	\$1,000.00
7	\$100.00	\$700.00
6	\$150.00	\$900.00
4	\$200.00	\$800.00
2	\$300.00	\$600.00
2	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Grand Total:	90	\$6,220.00

#### *I would like to share in your ministry through regular monthly support. How do I communicate this desire?*

- The quickest and easiest way is to follow the instructions on the Financial Support page of our blog: <http://jeffandterri.org/how-to-get-involved/financial-support/>
- Other ways of communicating with us:  
Jeff & Terri Rains: (828) 719-1222 • [jeff.rains@sim.org](mailto:jeff.rains@sim.org) • [terri.rains@sim.org](mailto:terri.rains@sim.org) • Skype: jeffandterri  
SIM-USA: P.O. Box 7900, Charlotte, NC 28241 • (800) 521-6449

#### *When should I begin?*

The sooner you can begin, the better. Funds sent in between now and the time we leave for the field will help us with our one-time needs.

#### *What are my options for sending support to SIM?*

- Follow the instructions on the Financial Support page of our blog: <http://jeffandterri.org/how-to-get-involved/financial-support/>
- Call the SIM-USA office at 1-800-521-6449 ext 1467.
- Fill out a response form and mail it to: SIM-USA Recepting, PO Box 7900, Charlotte, NC 28241

#### *Will I receive a bill or a reminder from SIM?*

No, but we encourage you to sign up for automatic monthly electronic giving. It saves you and SIM time and money.