



STEVE THOMPSON



Ecuador

Today we're going to Ecuador, South America, with missionary Steve Thompson to learn about ministry partnerships.

In Ecuador a giant, active volcano called Tungurahua (say tung-goo-GWAR-ah-wah) has been spitting out fire and lava since it erupted again in 2000.

More than 500,000 people live in this mountainous province, and they need to hear the Gospel. So Steve has set up a seminary to train the local people for ministry.

Steve is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, one of our six seminaries. Southwestern partnered with Steve to train 11 students in the Bible through online classes. These 11 will become the seminary teachers beside the volcano and will train many other students in the years ahead.

We support this ministry by supporting Steve's education at Southwestern and now in training the students in Ecuador. And we're supporting Steve as he serves there—all through our Cooperative Program giving. Isn't that a wonderful collection of ministry partnerships?