

Study support

We support talented young people with scholarships to study at the university in Guayaquil in order to break the cycle of unemployment and poverty.

The scholarship holders are also expected to take financial care of their impoverished families later on - detailed reports on our projects and help for the people of Ecuador can be found on our homepage www.ellaurel.de.

Due to political and economic instability, the necessity to help people in need and give them a new perspective remains as great as ever in Ecuador.

Precisely because people cannot choose to grow up in more or less rich regions of the world and because we all deserve the chance to realize ourselves, we would like to ask you to support the work of the Fundación Hermano Miguel with a donation.

For example, with a donation of €40 per month, you can enable a child from a destitute family to attend school at the Don Bosco School with comprehensive care and thus change the life of a child. With €80 per month, for example, you already cover half of all the costs incurred by a child in the orphanage. Every donation reaches 100% of the people and helps to alleviate their needs.

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Lothar Zagst had a decisive influence on this foundation and was committed to the individual on site for decades. He passed away in September 2016. We, friends and family of Lothar Zagst, feel obliged to continue supporting the foundation.

We would like to thank you very much for the support you have given to the local people.

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Supporters of the
Fundación Hermano Miguel
and its projects in the
parish of
Santa Maria de Laurel



Fundación Hermano Miguel

With the motto "Helping people to help themselves", the aid project founded by Padre Lothar Zagst in 1987 after his first visit to Ecuador has been a place of refuge, encounter and hope for the inhabitants of El Laurel, a small village in Ecuador, for over 30 years. Through numerous projects, the "Fundación Hermano Miguel", founded in 2000, is committed to helping the local people in a variety of ways. The charitable foundation, which is independent of the parish, is managed by Mirjam Rast, who went to Ecuador with Lothar Zagst over 30 years ago.

The foundation supports people in need to help themselves so that they can later take responsibility for themselves and their fellow human beings and thus shape a better future. In particular, the following projects are supported:



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Don-Bosco-School

The Catholic school enables 240 children to attend school up to the tenth grade - almost half of whom come from destitute families and therefore receive support for their school attendance.

A total of 17 teachers take care of the lessons and homework.

Orphanage Casa Keller

The home for half-orphans and orphans, which is close to the Don Bosco School, offers 30-35 children (mostly 4-7 years old) a home and a regular daily routine in the "extended family". In addition to access to the nearby school, the children receive professional social care from four members of staff.



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Workshop & education

To support the education of local people, basic and advanced courses are offered in various vocational disciplines such as computers, mechanics, hairdressing, electrics, nursing, housekeeping, carpentry and welding. The workshop also offers cleaning and repair work and can be rented for a fee.

Medical station St. Maria

The medical station offers the neglected local rural population in particular basic general medical and dental care as well as medication. The ultrasound, ECG and laboratory facilities also make it possible to provide first aid and preventive medical check-ups.



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