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An older child playfully picks up a younger one on the sidewalk. Latacunga is in the highlands of Ecuador. At over 9,000 feet elevation, Latacunga's climate is usually cold and windy. The town is also close to the active volcano Cotopaxi. Proximity to the volcano has meant that the town is susceptible to earthquakes and eruptions. In fact, the town was destroyed by earthquakes four times before the year 1800.



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