

# THE DELP DETAILS



SERVING CHRIST AND THE EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH IN ECUADOR



"IT WILL BE SAID ON THAT DAY, 'LO, THIS IS OUR GOD; WE HAVE WAITED FOR HIM, THAT HE MIGHT SAVE US. THIS IS THE LORD; WE HAVE WAITED FOR HIM. LET US BE GLAD AND REJOICE IN HIS SALVATION.' ISAIAH 25:9

## LOVE CAME DOWN

When we think of Christmas time, often words that come to mind are peace, joy, noel, Immanuel, etc. Although when you think of Christmas verses, those that prophesy about the coming Messiah, the birth of Jesus and such, you don't read of the word "love", but isn't that what Jesus' birth is all about? Love coming down, setting us free from sin and death. What better way to show us love then being sent by His father as a baby, as our Messiah, our Immanuel.

As I (Kim) reflect on a word that I want to embrace in this coming year, LOVE is the only word that comes to mind. There is no better way to start a new year than to look at the ultimate example of love. God has shown us. He has shown us to not only model love, but to *be* love. I want to be able to do this in all areas of my life, first in my own relationship with Jesus and then in my marriage, my family, my friends, ministry and in all aspects of my life.

## Our Year in Review

As we think over the last year, we take a deep breath and sigh. It has been a full year...

On January 26<sup>th</sup>, Joel's mom, Ruthie, went home to be with Jesus. We had spent the Holiday season with them and left just 3 weeks before she died. We cherish this time that we had with her. She was able to meet Esther for the first time and Simeon spent quality time with her for the last time. We are thankful that she no longer suffers with pain, but we that were left behind still mourn her loss and think of her often. We are reminded of her frequently, every time we see bluebirds, making cookies or a meal that she would make for us just because she knew we loved it. We know we will see her again, but, well, we miss her.

Seven months to the day after Ruthie's death, we were beyond blessed at the arrival of our 3<sup>rd</sup> child, Ephraim Benjamin Delp! He was born about 3 weeks before we were expecting him and although it was quite the dramatic (and emergent) entrance, we saw God's hand in it every step of the way. We received an email after we were home from the hospital that said our friend was praying for us during this day. She felt God prompting her to do so, not knowing why until later. We found out she began to pray right at the time where we were having difficulty finding Ephraim's heartbeat. God works friends, prayer works and we are living proof of it.

## DELP MINISTRY RECAP

### WHO WE ARE???

We are Joel, Kim, Simeon, Esther and Ephraim Delp and we are long-term missionaries serving with the Evangelical Covenant Church in Ecuador, South America. We partner with the Evangelical Covenant Church of Ecuador at the national and local level so everything we do is Covenant.

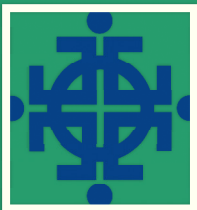
### WHAT WE DO???

We are currently in the process of constructing a home for at-risk children. This home will have up to 8 children and work in conjunction with a psychologist, lawyer and social worker in hopes of reuniting the children with their families. It will minister to at risk children in the greater Cayambe area in a way similar to that of a foster home in order to bring glory to God and further the ministry of the

ALL OF THIS IS DONE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COVENANT NATIONAL CHURCH OF ECUADOR AND THE LOCAL CHURCH CALLED IGLESIA IMANUEL

We are also working on opening a clinic. The clinic has been built for a while now and we are waiting on final permission to open it. This last year we did 2 medical caravans as outreach to surrounding communities in the mountains. Over 500 kids received medical and dental attention as well as medications needed.





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Another family highlight this year was having Kim's Aunt Donna and her mom, Noritta with us for 2 weeks. It was such a blessing to have them here. Esther and Simeon loved spending time with them and introducing them to their baby brother. We wouldn't have made it through those 2 weeks without them. During this time, Joel was able to take a much needed Sabbath retreat.

## A YEAR IN REVIEW WITH PICTURES...



## WHAT IS THE SANTIAGO PARTNERSHIP?

The Santiago Partnership is a non-profit organization that serves Ecuador, South America in the areas of care for at risk children as well as the medically underprivileged. It serves in collaboration with the Evangelical Covenant Church of Ecuador as well as

the social development branch of the church. The Santiago Partnership assists in financing the homes for at-risk children and the medical clinics and basically partners with our ministries. You can learn more about them at our website: [www.santiagopartnership.org](http://www.santiagopartnership.org)

### MISSION STATEMENT:

The Santiago Partnership, as an international team of followers of Jesus Christ collaborating with the local church of Ecuador, South America, seeks to transform the lives of at risk children and their families, as well as serve underprivileged communities.

### JAMES 1:27

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

### What Does 2016 Have in Store?

We are hoping that the clinic will be opening in early 2016 following our last inspection. Please pray with us that this can happen so we can begin to care for the greater community at large in the area of Cayambe. We are also hoping that the construction on the home for at-risk children will be completed by the beginning of the year, however funding has slowed down a little so the opening of the home will depend on finances. Please pray with us that continual monthly funding will come in for the home and for the Santiago Partnership.

### WANT TO HEAR FROM US MORE OFTEN???

We try to send out a paper newsletter once per year around Christmas time. However, so you know, we are sending out an email newsletter once per month as well as posting to our Blog and Facebook accounts much more often (about once per week).

### STAY IN TOUCH!

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### SUPPORT THE SANTIAGO PARTNERSHIP

There are many ways that you can support the Santiago Partnership. First and foremost, your prayers are the most crucial way you can support. In addition, we of course have many financial needs with both one-time and regular monthly donations. Supporting the Santiago Partnership monthly is so crucial to allowing us to operate both the medical clinic and the home. You can learn more about these at [SantiagoPartnership.org](http://SantiagoPartnership.org). Finally, we love to have work teams and volunteers (medical and other) come down so please come on down.