



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

OUR YEAR HAS BEEN LIKE ADVENT: WAITING

This year came with much anticipation, much like the Christmas Season does. We have waited so many years to be going to the mission field as long term missionaries (13 to be exact!) and this year was finally THE year! As we look back, like with most things in our lives, we realize that God's timing has been perfect, even though there has been a lot of waiting along the way. Initially, we were planning on going back to Ecuador in February of 2014, however, Joel's mother was diagnosed with recurrent metastatic cancer in January. We pushed back the time for leaving so that we could help as much as possible, all the while knowing any time that we scheduled to leave would be difficult.

We left in March to go back to Ecuador and hit the ground running purchasing a car, getting Visas, getting Simeon in school, reconnecting with ministry partners, choosing a new apartment, hosting Vision Teams etc... Oh, and by the way, we were expecting our second child which was due in June. In May, Joel's mom and family made the difficult decision to enter hospice care because the chemotherapy pills that Ruth was taking were causing more problems. With this decision, we determined it would be best to go back to the States and help out as we could and so Simeon could spend quality time with Grandma. We stayed for three weeks and had to have special permission for Kim to fly back to Ecuador as she was around 38 or so weeks pregnant! Actually the day before we went back to Ecuador, the OB doctor said it would only be a couple of days before the baby would come! YIKES! We had just put all of our things in a new apartment in Quito, but had not unpacked anything. As we had anticipated and waited for the birth, it was now upon us and we did not feel ready... at

all! Thanks be to God that our friends in Quito helped us unpack our apartment, just in time to welcome Esther Ashby Delp on June 5th! What a blessing she is!!!

Ministry didn't stop just because Esther was born. Joel continued with hosting a Vision Team in July and Kim's mom came to help out for two weeks as well. In the meantime we were getting our project up and running with hiring a project coordinator as well as getting the land purchased for our construction site for the first home for at risk children. We made the purchase just in time to host two work teams that came down in August to help break ground on the construction.

All year we have anxiously been waiting the arrival of our container which has not only personal items, but the majority of the items needed for stocking the clinic to get it up and running. We FINALLY just received word that we have the green light for shipping the container to Ecuador and will be doing so in December of 2014! Thanks be to God! We hope the container will arrive in January so the clinic can be opened shortly thereafter. Along with the container, we have been waiting on licensing for Kim to be able to practice in Ecuador. This has been a long, grueling process, mainly due to the fact that there is not such thing as the title of Nurse Practitioner in Ecuador. We are still currently in the process of waiting. Would you please join us in praying that Kim's licensing is accepted so she can fully practice. She is currently practicing internally with the affiliated Compassion International Center that works in conjunction with our partner church. Because it is a U.S. Based program, she is able to practice internally to help those children.

Do we like waiting? NO! However, much like we wait on the return of Christ and as we wait to celebrate with anticipation His birth, we realize that waiting isn't always bad. For reasons beyond us, God has prepared everything in His time and although we may not always understand it, we know that HIS timing and placement is always perfect. In each step of our journey so far, we have seen God orchestrating everything. As we reflect on this past year, we are humbled at God's amazing provision, comfort, care and love. May you sense this during this season and the whole year through.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE DELPS!!!!

DELP MINISTRY RECAP

WHO WE ARE???

We are Joel, Kim, Simeon and Esther 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 Covenant.

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 a container full of medical supplies for the clinic to open it. We have a doctor who will be working with us and heading everything up for opening the clinic. Kim is currently dealing with the Ecuadorian government to get her license recognized to be able to fully practice as a Nurse Practitioner.



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A YEAR IN REVIEW WITH PICTURES...



Being welcomed in the airport



A wonderful vehicle for ministry



A trip to Cuenca



Welcoming Baby Esther to the family



Help from friends close by



Help from friends from far away



Partnership in ministry



Home Construction Work progress

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). See the information in the next box as to how you can get better connected with us and hear from us more often!

STAY IN TOUCH!

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SUPPORT THE DELPS

We are currently just slightly under funded (about 90%) as missionaries with the Covenant. If you are interested in helping us get back to 100% with an end-of-year donation, you can go to our Blog (see above) and donate or send a check written to the Evangelical Covenant Church with "Delp Missionary Support" in the memo line to: Covenant World Mission, 8303 W. Higgins Rd., Chicago, IL 60631.

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

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.