

# MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE DELPS

PEACE

LOVE

FAMILY



It has been an eventful year to say the least and we know we aren't the only ones to say that! We had planned to take a trip to the Galapagos Islands in June, but instead all of us got Covid, Joel's case was the worst of all, needing to be hospitalized. Thank you to those who prayed! We are grateful that he was healed and has had no residual effects. Joel's dad, Earl, who was living with us for a year and a half, moved back to the States in July. We made it to the Galapagos in August and also later went to the deep jungle. The kids started school in-person (half-days) in August!



**SIMEON, 11 YEARS**

Simeon's highlight of the year was swimming with manta rays in the Galapagos. His favorite sports highlight was scoring his first bicycle kick goal in a soccer game. His favorite food is SUSHI!



**ESTHER, 7 YEARS**

Esther's highlight of the year was being on the beach surrounded by sea lions and going back to school in-person. She accepted Jesus into her heart on October 10th, reading her Grandma Moon's Bible. Her favorite food is Empanadas!



**EPHRAIM, 6 YEARS**

Ephraim's highlight of the year was seeing sea lions, iguanas and lava lizards in the Galapagos and also going back to school in-person. His favorite food is pizza in the Galapagos!

We are hoping and praying to be able to go on sabbatical over the Summer, June - August 2022. However, we do not currently have funding to be able to do that. If you would like to help in this way, we would so appreciate it. You can send financial gifts to the Evangelical Covenant Church, P.O. Box 773420, Chicago, IL 60677. Please label it with our name and say "personal gift for sabbatical." For Christmas cards and other personal letters, please send it to 19845 C.ounty Road 20, Goshen, IN 46528.



This last year, as we stood on the land you see pictured below, Rolando, Joel and Kim had a time where we just stopped and reminisced about the past 7 years. It was a beautiful time to reflect on God's faithfulness we have seen. It has not been without struggle, but nothing worth anything rarely ever is. We were reminded that God has shown himself faithful through it all and has been with us, in the middle of it, Emmanuel, God with us, from the beginning.

We are grateful to look back and see His faithfulness which also helps us look forward in faith. Most people know the project in Cayambe as the Home for At-Risk children and the Medical Clinic; however, in reality, we currently have **SEVEN** different ministries all working within the project in Cayambe.

Medical Clinic 2016

Home for At-Risk Children 2017

Prevention Program 2019

Intervention Program 2020

Public Health Program 2020

Forever Flowers 2021

Accompaniment of Women Who Were Victims of Violence 2021



## Forever Flowers 2

**AS A CONTINUATION FROM LAST YEAR, WE ARE DOING A FOREVER FLOWERS 2 CAMPAIGN- EXTENDING IN THE COMMUNITY. THE IDEA OF THIS INITIATIVE IS TO EXTEND THE FLOWER BUSINESS FURTHER SO AS TO NOT ONLY BENEFIT THE PROJECT BUT TO ALSO BENEFIT MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. SELF-SUSTAINABILITY REMAINS THE GOAL, AND FOREVER FLOWERS 2 WILL HELP TAKE US ONE STEP CLOSER TOWARD THAT. ADDITIONALLY, A SECONDARY AND COMPLEMENTARY OBJECTIVE IS TO HAVE SMALL FARMS IN THE COMMUNITY OWNED BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO WILL SELL TO US THE SAME FLOWER THUS INCREASING OUR PRODUCTION LEVELS AND OUR SUPPLY TO EXPORT IN GREATER QUANTITIES.**

**TO LEARN MORE OR DONATE GO TO:**  
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As many of you know, a lot of the responsibility for running the Santiago Partnership (the U.S. based non-profit organization) has fallen on Joel and Kim. We have accepted that and seen and felt God's faithfulness through it even though we have at times felt that we were not the best ones for the job. At the same time we are really grateful to be adding a lot of great people who are able to take some of the responsibilities for us. As we have seen God's faithfulness in growth, partnership and new birth, we are also seeing it as torches are passed to Ecuadorian leadership who will help carry this project in to the future.



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