



Upcoming Church Visits

December 22nd -- Redeemer Covenant Church, Carrollton, TX

January 12th -- Pleasant Community Church, Warren, PA

January 19th -- Grace Methodist Church, Hartford City, IN

It isn't too late to have us come visit in 2025.

If you would like us to visit your church, small group, Sunday School or more, please contact us at:
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and we will email you the form

Our kids are growing up fast

Simeon is 14 and a freshman in high school this year! He enjoys all things soccer. He played for the high school team and is currently on a club team called the RoadRunners! He wants to be a pilot.



Esther is 10, our sweet and sassy social butterfly who has enjoyed getting involved at her school in D.A.R.E. as well as gymnastics and school patrol. We will frequently be out and about a young kid will come to give her a hug because she keeps them safe at school!



Ephraim is 9 and in 4th grade.

He is enjoying playing tag at school and being a quiet leader in his class. He enjoys video games and is waiting to start soccer in the U.S.



The Delp Family, Year in Review



Our New Address: 1618 Rose Ln. Romeoville, IL 60446

A Year of Transition

I'm not sure exactly how to write a newsletter capturing our last year in a snippet. I guess the honest answer is our last year isn't really something you write in a newsletter. It was a year of hard which isn't really newsletter-worthy. People like to hear of the shiny, sparkly, sunshine and lemon-type of things. Well, that wasn't really what our last year was like. Sure, we had some highlights, like camp at Covenant Harbor in Wisconsin, visiting family for Thanksgiving, seeing extended family, coffee and food dates with our friends. There have been a few bright spots which we celebrate, but most of the time we really just wanted to be present in those moments and didn't take a lot of newsletter-worthy pictures. But the year was hard as we faced transition after transition, cancer (and miraculous healing), ministry changes, school changes, sports changes, house changes, and more. We know that change is part of life and so is transition, but that doesn't always make it easy.

After about 3 years of discernment, this year would mark the year that we would transition to the States. It came the same year of Ministry Assignment (previously Home Assignment or Furlough) and the need to come to the U.S. for at least a year. Before anyone starts calling us or getting scared, please know, **NOTHING** changes in Ecuador. The project continues as it has for the last 10 years because, from the beginning, it has been led by an amazing Ecuadorian team. This will continue. For those that follow us even a little, you know that we are really passionate and seek

after self-sustainability for the project. This is another step in that process. As we plan to be based as a family in the U.S., we can give freedom and empower our Ecuadorian team to lead the project more independently, but still being in close contact, visiting often, supporting, and serving together. If we truly want to live out self-sustainability, this has to be part of the process. It is not an easy part of the process, but it is part, nonetheless. The other reason we have decided to be U.S. based is to give our children opportunities to experience the U.S. while we are with them. We don't want to just drop them off at the dorm for college and wish them well. We really want to walk with them, be present with them and guide them through new opportunities they have.

As you can imagine, this has all been new and hard, joy and expectant all at the same time.

It was not and is not an easy decision, but as much as we tried to try different avenues, this is where God kept nudging us, maybe even pushing us if we are honest. We don't necessarily understand it all, but as we explain to the kids (and to ourselves quite often), faith isn't usually understanding it all. Obedience is just that, obedience. We don't always have to have all the why's to understand, just be obedient in the next steps. As we try to be obedient, please pray for us. It has been a hard year and continues to be. If you would like to know more or ask questions, please know, we want to do that. We don't want you to speculate, just ask!

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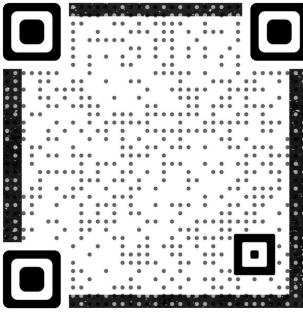


10 YEARS OF IMPACT

2014-2024



17,295 rural patients served through Medical Caravans since 2017



The Medical Clinic



Home for At-Risk Children



The Intervention Program



SUMAK Artisan Studio



Forever Flowers

We would love to sit down with each of you over a hot cup of instant coffee, a biscocho and caramel and thank each of you for the part that you have played in making 10 years of the Santiago Partnership possible. It didn't happen overnight, and it didn't happen without faithful and loyal people like you.

Many of you have been to Ecuador and experienced one or all of the different parts. But depending on when you came, some of the projects may not have been around yet. Maybe you helped build one of them, maybe you have played with one of the children or worked together with our medical staff on a caravan. Maybe you have bought a piece of jewelry from the women of SUMAK or smelled the roses at the Forever Flowers farm. Maybe you have given your used pill bottles or help make a reusable menstrual kit. Maybe you have packed or purchased suitcases or collected vitamins. Whatever your part has been, it has helped make these projects what they are today.

10 YEAR TIMELINE HIGHLIGHTS



But 10 years is just the beginning!

We are dreaming and praying big for continuing ministry in Ecuador. Our end of year initiative is in celebration of 10 years!

Would you be willing to partner in celebration with us? We are hoping to reach \$150,000 by December 31st! If 10 years have taught us anything, it has taught us that relationship is the what makes the Santiago Partnership work! Maybe you can share with friends about how the Santiago Partnership has had an influence on you and share with your friends and family to partner financially with us this end-of-year!

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