

Feliz Navidad from the Delps

Serving and partnering with Ecuador

Simeon, 15



Esther, 11



Ephraim, 10



Highlights from 2025

- *Family trip to Ecuador in July
- *Getting more involved at our home church
- *Getting the green light to play soccer after an ACL injury (Simeon)
- *Family trips and doing well in the soccer season (Esther)
- *Going to Florida, making new friends, Ecuador trip (Ephraim)



Updates and Happenings

It's been a full, hard, beautiful year. How's that for starting a Christmas newsletter? That is honest. As all of us probably feel that way in some way. It has been another year full of new and transitions. Full of seeing changes and adjusting to a new way of life while incorporating things from life in Ecuador. Full of the beauty of seasons, Summer camp, youth group trips, play dates, soccer games, physical therapy, getting to know our church family better, realizing we need help, more physical therapy, adjusting to mom not being around as much because she is working outside of the house, conveniences of the U.S, drivers ed and more physical therapy.

On the Joel and Kim front, we celebrated 23 years of marriage in May! In June, we finished our 1-year Ministry Assignment in the U.S. As nice as it was to visit so many friends and churches, it has also been nice to be at home on the weekends and to get to know our home church more. Joel celebrated 50 times around the sun in November! Let THAT sink in! Kim has been at the clinic in Chicago for 1 year now, and, although it has been a major learning curve getting back into the medical world in the U.S., she also feels she is making a difference. She was celebrated for 14 years of service with Serve Globally and the Evangelical Covenant Church in June in Orlando. A highlight for her has been writing and preaching whenever she has free time.





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This has been a big year for the Santiago Partnership! As the year comes to a close, Joel and I reflect on these past years and the ways we have seen God be more than able to give immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine as scripture tells us in Ephesians 3:20. Dreams we have dreamed and even dreams we didn't know to dream; we have been witness to see happen! We are so grateful and so humbled when we look back to see what God has done. In July, as a family we were able to travel to Ecuador and spend time with the team as a whole on the ground. It was amazing to see new faces and known faces and to feel HOME! The kids spent time with friends and so did we! Additionally, in November we had one of our dreams come true as we helped coordinate a "reverse mission trip" for 6 of our Ecuadorian partners to come and teach from an Ecuadorian perspective how to do community development in different contexts. They partnered with North Park Theological Seminary, New Community Church Bronzeville and Church of the Good Shepherd. Additionally, they and we participated in our first annual Celebration Event, Fiesta del Ecuador, where we together celebrated the last 11 years of work in Ecuador and looked toward the future to see what more God could bring. These two events have been something Joel and I have been dreaming of for years.



"DREAMING BIG WITH SONIA"



Our goal for 2026 is to expand the Intervention Program, which provides preventive support, working alongside families in the community with a goal to eventually eliminate the need for the Santiago Children's Home. Families in crisis are identified before circumstances become catastrophic. Strengthening our intervention support will decrease the need in our other ministries as well. More families will remain together, more women will be aware of abuse and how to get help, and more individuals will break cycles of vulnerability.



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