

JOEL & KIM DELP

Ecuador – 2011-2013

Joel and Kim Delp were commissioned at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC) to serve as short-term missionaries to Ecuador, working in the areas of outreach, compassion, community development and medical ministries. The Delps are in discussion with World Mission leadership about their next steps in mission, and are in the States gathering additional prayer and financial partners in anticipation of their return to Ecuador. When they return to Ecuador, they will be partnering and collaborating with the ECC of Ecuador (IPEE) to help start homes for at-risk children, and a medical clinic. The centers and clinic will be ministries of the Covenant churches located in the north of Ecuador.

During their first term (2010-12) Joel has worked with the Covenant camp in Santo Domingo to develop a long-range plan to generate revenue, and also with F.A.C.E. (Foundation for Community Development in Ecuador) to help start a microenterprise for the production and sale of mushrooms. Kim has also worked with F.A.C.E. holding medical education workshops on disabilities and HIV/AIDS education. In addition to working with national ministries, Delps were involved in the local church by teaching Sunday school, preaching, and relationship-building. Kim noted, “We have been very blessed to form deep long-lasting relationships with good, Christ-loving people that we have had the privilege to serve alongside.”

Both Joel and Kim were raised in committed Christian homes deeply involved in local church ministry. For Joel, things did not resonate on a personal level until as a teenager he was questioned about his faith by a skeptic. From that point he committed himself to Christ and his faith, and made the decision to attend a Christian university. It was on a mission trip to Honduras in his senior year that the Lord spoke to Joel and called him to overseas missionary service. On the other hand, Kim has always had medical missionary work in her plans. At the young age of ten on a mission trip to Kenya, she was able to witness firsthand a surgery performed by missionaries. This event placed a passion for overseas medical mission in her heart. However, it wasn't until a sermon in college on Isaiah 6:8 that she felt Jesus calling her, and answered ‘send me.’

Joel received his BS from Indiana Wesleyan U (Psychology & Computer Science, 1999, Marion, IN), and his MBA and MDiv from North Park University and Theological Seminary (2007, Chicago). Kim received a technical degree from Ivy Tech State College (1999, Nursing, Muncie, IN), her BS from North Park U (2004, Nursing, Chicago), and her MSN from Rush U (2009, Nursing, Chicago). Prior to missionary service, Joel was on staff at Northwest Covenant Church.

Joel and Kim are members at Northwest Covenant in Mount Prospect, IL.

Birthdays: Joel November 11
Kim January 28
Simeon March 5, 2010

Anniversary: May 11, 2002