

# THE DELP DETOUR TO ECUADOR



Commissioning Service

## OUR DREAM

For 10 years now, we have been united by a common burden to help the poorest of the poor in a developing country. This burden materialized into a vision laid on both of our hearts to start an orphanage and medical clinic where they are most needed in a country that struggles to provide these basic resources. After getting married in Indiana, God led us to Chicago to prepare educationally for this endeavor. We believe God brought us to the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC), a denomination neither of us were brought up in, and, specifically, Northwest Covenant Church in Mt. Prospect, IL. While in Chicago, Joel has

completed his Masters in Divinity and Masters in Business Administration at North Park University and Theological Seminary. Meanwhile, Kim has finished her Bachelors in Nursing at North Park and graduated with her Masters in Nursing to be a Nurse Practitioner. The fact that we feel God has brought us into the ECC has lead us to pursue Covenant World Mission as our missionary sending organization. To God be Glory that we are now officially accepted as Short Term Missionaries with the Covenant and were commissioned on June 25th, 2009 at the Annual Meeting.

## THIRD MISSIONARY ADDED!

Simeon Carter Delp was born March 5, 2010 at 8:34 AM. He weighted 6 pounds 10 ounces and was 19.5 inches long. His arrival into this world was slightly different than planned.

After much difficulty in labor, Simeon ended up being born via C-Section with the doctor noting that the umbilical cord was extremely short, as well as wrapped around his neck

We are thankful to our risen Lord Jesus Christ and his provision of a healthy and well cared for birth of our son and a healthy operation for mama.



Simeon's First Picture right after birth!

## SIMEON'S STATS

Born: March 5, 2010

Time: 8:34 AM

Wt: 6 pounds 10 oz

Length: 19.5 inches

Meaning of his name:

"Obedient"

"Listening"

**SIMEON: OLD TESTAMENT:** The 2nd son of Jacob, the 2nd tribe of Israel (Genesis 29.33)

**NEW TESTAMENT:** Simeon received a promise to see the Messiah before he died and he was the first to recognize Him as the Messiah (Luke 2)

**CARTER:** Kim's maiden name

## Dates of Interest:

- June 3rd-12th—Covenant Short-Term Missionary Training
- June 15th-18th—Trip to Nebraska to visit two Covenant churches
- June 19th-20th—Our "Sell All Our Life Possessions" Yard Sale Fundraiser
- June 26th—Head to Quito, Ecuador
- We will be in language school in Quito for the first 6 months of our short term ministry with having an in-home Spanish tutor to make caring for a newborn easier.

## THE SHORT-TERM

Although our objective is to go the mission field for the rest of our lives, we first are going to try a short-term stint for 2 years beginning June 2010. We have already signed our lease for an apartment (Praise the LORD!) and are set up for an intense Spanish language training in our home for the first 6 months in Quito and then spend the remaining year and a half in Ecuador. During this time we desire to

build relationships with the Evangelical Covenant Church of Ecuador and get involved in established ministries with them, as well as scoping out potential future sites for the orphanage and clinic. We hope to strengthen our current relationships with our friends Carlos and Karen Feijoo (who are very experienced medical missionaries) as well as develop new relationships for further partnerships

in the future of our ministry. Kim also plans getting some time in at clinics in Ecuador to help out wherever she can and both of us look forward to volunteering at an orphanage to learn as much as we can about orphanages in Ecuador. In the end, during this first short term we will be involved in ministries we are passionate about: compassion, outreach, evangelism, and community development.

## JOEL'S STORY

I was brought up in a very loving home which taught me the importance of God and His love for me and the importance of the church and its ministries. However, I didn't have any close family members that were in full-time ministry, so for whatever reason I never really considered ministry an option for me to pursue. Things changed while in college at Indiana Wesleyan University. There God placed a burden on my heart to help others in need though no specific occupation was evident. It wasn't until I went on a mission trip my Senior Year that God began to speak to me directly about His future plans for me. While in Honduras, Central America, God showed me how I could be used for His work in a country like that. At that point, I felt called to explore things further, so I decided to come back to Honduras for a four month adventure (i.e. I drove a personal truck there for use in Hurricane disaster relief). While in Honduras this time around, God showed me how the children in our world's developing countries were those most in need of assistance. I saw how there was such little opportunity, nor hope for the

future. Then, I began to look at my own life and saw how I had been so blessed with so much opportunity and resources that I decided I needed to spend my life sharing all that I had been blessed with. I said to myself that if I could spend the rest of my life helping children like these and sharing God's love with them, then my life would have a purpose. From this point, many mission trips ensued to Uganda, Bolivia, Argentina, Chile, the bush of Alaska, and finally Ecuador. As you probably know,



Joel playing with children in Uganda on one of his Mission Trips

*"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose"*  
Romans 8:28

the Lord brought Kim and I together and our future plans fit together perfectly. The only thing left was education; I felt I should be prepared for my life's endeavor. That is what brought me to North Park University and Theological Seminary where I acquired my Masters in Divinity and Masters in Business Administration.

## KIM'S JOURNEY

When I was 9 years old, I went on my first mission trip with my parents to Bolivia, South America. It was here that I first began to understand what it meant to be a missionary. The saying on the shirt for that trip was from Isaiah, "whom shall I send and who will go for us? And I said, Here am I. Send me! I remember thinking even then, I wanted to be the one to say "send me!"

The next year I was able to go again with my family to Kenya, Africa, here I saw missionary nurses and doctors in action ministering to the poorest

*"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us? And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"*

Isaiah 6:8

of the poor. One doctor in particular, Dr. Ernie Steury was such an example of Christ to me, even at the young age of 10. I saw His leadership and quiet example of Jesus as he ministered to the sick. I saw that although He could help the sick physically, he also cared so much about his patient's spiritual journey and relationship with God. After

seeing a surgery and a baby born in Africa, I knew this is what I wanted to do-be a missionary nurse. I knew this is what I *WANTED* to do, but it wasn't

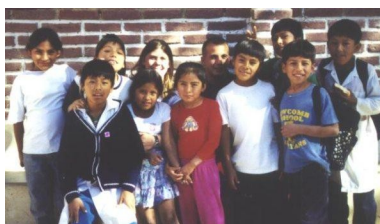
until college when I was in a morning church service, that God really placed on my heart through the reading of Isaiah 6 that it was time to answer His call for my life with a shout of "SEND ME!". When Joel and I met, we realized our paths were similar and God seemed to be weaving our lives together.



Kim and her mom

On a trip to Bolivia, our plans meshed and we realized we could work together to start an orphanage and medical clinic. We were married in 2002 and then moved to Chicago for me to finish nursing school and Joel to complete his seminary experience. It has been a long journey for us, and we didn't realize that it would take us this long. We have had difficult experiences and experiences that made us grow, but through it all, we know God is in control. We both feel called to full time overseas ministry with the poorest of the poor. We know that God enables those He calls even if we don't feel like we are equipped to do what

He has called us to. I have seen God work in so many ways in my life, orchestrating it for His purpose. Joel and I have seen how God has brought our lives together for His purpose. We praise God for what He has done and what He will do in the future.



Kim (age 10) and Dr. Steury



## EVERYONE NEEDS A LITTLE...MAIL!

Everyone loves to go the mailbox and get “fun mail”, open an email, or get a post on Facebook that is specifically for them right? We are no different! We like communication, it makes us feel remembered as I’m sure it does you. So, whether you tweet, blog, instant message, email or write handwritten letters, we want to communicate with you. The good thing for YOU is that you can find US pretty much any way you want to. We are on Facebook, we have TWO blogs now, we have email, instant messenger, SKYPE, and I’m sure soon enough we will be twittering! The best way to get the latest information on our mission plans is through our Covenant Church blog.

We want you to think about what is the best way to communicate with YOU? Do you prefer email, Facebook, blogging, or “fun mail” in the mailbox? The insert that came in the envelope with this letter asks you to let us know what the best way is to communicate with you about our lives and continued plans for the mission field. Don’t forget to take just a minute and fill that out and send it to us so we can COMMUNICATE with you! And with that we want to say that we want to hear from YOU! Please keep us up-to-date on what is going on with you and how we can best pray for you. Communication is not a one-way street.

### WHERE YOU CAN FIND US!

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## PARTNERING IS THE WAY TO GO

We have learned through education and experience that ministry is most successful when done in partnerships. While serving in Ecuador, we seek to form a partnership with the already strong Evangelical Covenant Church of Ecuador to see how we can fit in and help out with their already existing ministries. We hope that our dream for the future

will also be a dream that others in the Covenant Church of Ecuador have so that we can see it come to fruition together! There is an old Covenant saying that goes, “It’s better to be together than apart!”

*“It’s better to be together than apart”*



## PARTNERS ARE WHAT WE NEED

The New Testament Epistles provide a model for missionary service. We see throughout these letters that there are people who are senders (the established Christian churches) and those who are sent (Paul, Stephen, Barnabas, etc.). The work of missionaries is not possible without having both parties involved; both senders and those who are sent are required. One is not more important than the other



because it is a partnership for ministry.

People often comment that they think what we want to do in the future is very admirable; we do **NOT** feel this way. We feel called to do the work the Lord has for us. They only thing that is commendable is that we are being faithful in following the Lord’s leading. But that is the beautiful thing about all of this. We need people just like us that feel called to the ministry that God has for us, just in a different role: that of being a sender. For our ministry to be possible in Ecuador we need people and churches to partner with us in what God has called us to. Your partnership with us can take many forms: prayer support, financial backing, moral support (i.e. letters and emails of encourage-

ment), and direct assistance (anyone for a trip to Ecuador??). We will need **a lot** of help. You will see on the next page how much support we are looking to garner before we leave and how you can track our progress in acquiring that support.





The Evangelical Covenant Church

Where you can find us!

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WE'RE ALSO ON FACEBOOK AT  
JOEL DELP AND  
KIM CARTER DELP

Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you!  
As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.'  
-John 20:21

Joel and I are very social people and we love to be in contact with our family, friends, well basically YOU! Just because we are moving out of the country doesn't mean YOU get off the hook in keeping in touch. Aside from our HOME address and Kim's cell phone number, all of our contact information will remain the same. The BEST way to stay up-to-date with us will be to check one of our TWO blogs which are:

<http://www.joelinkim.blogspot.com>

OR

<http://blogs.covchurch.org/delp>

Our new snail mail address in Ecuador will be:

**Casilla 17-11-6068  
Quito, Ecuador**

We will also be getting an internet phone in Ecuador so you will be able to call us just as you would if you were calling us in the U.S., so there is no excuse of high international rates to not call. Our phone number will be:

**(773) 505-8783**

FOR ALL OF OUR CONTACT INFORMATION,  
SEE THE ORANGE BOX TO YOUR LEFT

## SUPPORT AND PRAYER PARTNER UPDATE

We first want to say **THANK YOU** for those of you who have committed to partnering with us in either daily prayer or financial support. We are currently at **92%** for financial support and **95%** of our prayer support! **THANKS BE TO GOD!** The minimum amount we need to leave for Ecuador is 80%. We are already there! However, our goal is to be at 100% for both prayer and finances before we leave for Ecuador in June so we do not have to worry about fundraising while doing ministry.

If you would like to support us in either regard, checks or response cards can be sent to:

**Covenant World Mission**

**Attn: Joel & Kim Delp STM Support**

**5101 N. Francisco Ave.**

**Chicago, IL 60625**

If writing a check, write it to "Covenant World Mission" & please write "Joel & Kim Delp STM Account" in the memo line and include a short note to that regard



### PRAYER REQUESTS

-Acquiring all the necessary documents to move to Ecuador (i.e. passport, visas, etc)

-100% Financial Support before June 26th

-100% Prayer Support (150 partners) by June 26th

-Sale of our house in Marion, IN

-A way to ship our dogs to Ecuador OR

Someone to "dog-sit" for

Our first 6 months in Ecuador

-Strength as we leave our families & friends

-Speedy learning of Spanish

-Establishing a solid daily patterned time with God both individually and as a family to sustain us for many years of ministry