

THE DELP DETOUR TO ECUADOR



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LIFE IN QUITO

In his words to the church in Thessalonica, the Apostle Paul says,

We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. (1st Thessalonians 1:2-3)

The words here written by the Apostle Paul resonant perfectly with our hearts and actions. Please know we are so thankful for you: your love, your prayers, and your support! And we pray for you! We have a list of all of the people that support us and we take time each day to pray for individuals on that list. Please know that we do all of this because of the hope we have in Jesus Christ. We pray that in this very day that you receive the same encouragement from us that we have received from you.

Well, we made it! We arrived safely in Quito, Ecuador on June 27th. Safe to say it has been an eventful couple of months since arriving. We started Spanish classes the very

next morning on June 28th and have continued to have class Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 12:30 with having 1 to 2 hours of homework each night. You can see a picture of our first Spanish teacher, Olgita, below and her brother, Ricardo, who takes care of Simeon during our classes. We say first teacher because Olgita had to go back to her full time job of teaching high school Spanish, so we now have a new teacher Alexandra from a local language school.

Our first two months have been filled with many ups and downs but mainly ups. We appreciate all your prayers for those struggles: Simeon's adjustments to life in the city at 10,000 feet, computer problems, and troubles with getting our papers setup. We give God all the praise for bringing us many new friends here in Ecuador that have showed us so much love and practical help. Our high-



lights have been a trip to the Amazon (see waterfall picture above) and Mindo, exploring "Old Quito", and making lots of new friends, especially our new relationship with our partner organization IPEE (see below under Relationships).

Lastly, please note that the Covenant World Mission (actually the entire Evangelical Covenant Church headquarters!!!) office is moving as of September 10th. If you send in support through U.S. Postal Mail, please make note of the change:

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Our baby sitter Ricardo with Simeon and our Spanish teacher (Ricardo's older sister) Olgita and her son Caleb.



RELATIONSHIPS

Within two weeks of arriving in Ecuador, we were already attending a meeting of the Executive Board of IPEE (the Evangelical Covenant Church of Ecuador). During this meeting we had the opportunity to share who we are, our experience and what we feel the Lord has called us to. We were very cordially welcomed, prayed for, made to feel that Ecuador is our home. In this momentous experience, we give God all the praise, glory and honor!!!

From what has been explained to us, in the past the relationship between IPEE and American Covenant Missionaries has been

slightly strained. To God be the glory that we have only felt love, support, and encouragement from them. We are excited to work with and alongside the Ecuadorian Covenant Church!

They asked us to provide a copy of our resumes and a coverletter, which we translated into Spanish and gave to them. We look forward to the dialogue we will have in regards to what our work will look like over the next couple of years.

Below is a picture of a get together that we just had at our apartment with IPEE leadership, Covenant Missionaries and friends from the Covenant offices in the States .



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 sometimes struggles to provide these basic resources. We believe God brought us to the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC), a denomination neither of us were brought up in. While in Chicago, Joel has completed his Masters in Divinity and Masters in Business Administration at North Park University and Theological Seminary. Meanwhile, Kim 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 Covenant World Mission as our missionary sending organization.

Dates of Interest:

- We will be completing our language study on December 21st, 2010
- We will be traveling back to the States for the Holidays leaving Ecuador December 21st and returning in early January
- We will begin our full-time ministry in Ecuador in January 2011


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**WE'RE ALSO ON FACEBOOK AT
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Humility is the elevator to spiritual greatness.

-Darrel L. Bock, NIV Application Commentary - Luke

We are very social people and we love to be in contact with our family, friends, well basically YOU! Just because we moved 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 has stayed the same. The BEST way to stay up-to-date with us is by checking our TWO blogs which are:

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

OR

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

Our new snail mail address in Ecuador is:

(We would love to receive cards, letters or packages, but...)

(Please don't send anything over 8 lbs. — it costs us \$200 to get it out of customs)

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We have an internet phone in Ecuador so you are 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 is:

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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 all of you who have committed to partnering with us in either daily prayer or financial support. We are now fully supported being at **101%** for financial support and **110%** of our prayer support!

THANKS BE TO GOD! This has been a huge answer for prayer and blessing for us as we won't need to continue to seek support as we serve here in Ecuador! We just ask that you pray that those who have committed to supporting us over the two years will be able fulfill their commitment.



Simeon starting solids



Simeon enjoying Mindo—a natural paradisel



Simeon taking a dip in the Amazon—ok, not the actual Amazon!!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Strength and skill in Spanish acquisition
- Confidence and ability in sharing the love of Jesus with our Spanish instructor, Alexandra
- Figuring out an affordable method for getting the dogs to Ecuador in January
- Ease in acquiring Ecuadorian driver's licenses
- Strength and encouragement as we miss our families & friends
- Sale of our house in Marion, IN
- Establishing a solid daily patterned time with God both individually and as a family to sustain us for many years of ministry

Answered Prayer

- 101% Financially Supported
- 110% Prayer Support (165 Prayer Partners when seeking 150)
- The wonderful support that we had from the Northwest Covenant Church Mission Team that helped us in getting our stuff moved down here
- God's grace in providing many loving and supportive people here to help us with our transition