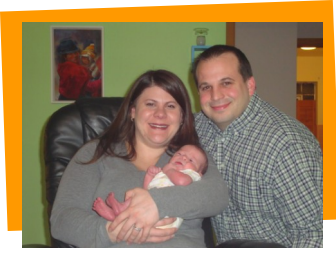




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# The Delp Detour to Ecuador

## 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 was promised to see the Messiah before he died and was the 1st to recognize Him as that (Luke 2)

**CARTER:** Kim's maiden name

### Dates of Interest:

- May 14th—Joel's last day at Verizon Wireless
- May 14th-20th—Our “last hurrah” trip to visit friends & family in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana
- 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

## A 3rd 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. We had decided to use more of natural road with child birth, using a midwife and planning on doing a lot of labor at home before going to the hospital for delivery. However, 1-2 months before the due date, Kim was diagnosed with mild preeclampsia with a lot of additional swelling and an increase in blood pressure. The midwife kept a watchful eye and put Kim on bed rest 2 weeks before the due date. (You can imagine how much fun that must have been!)

Early on Simeon's due date, March 4th, at 3 a.m., Kim's water broke, but since she was not having major contractions, we decided to wait until 7:00 a.m. to page our midwife. When we were able to get a hold of her, she told us to come on in to the hospital and get setup. Even though Kim's contractions were not advanced, with the preeclampsia symptoms, she didn't want to take any chances.

So we headed in and by 9:30 a.m., Kim was all hooked up to the

equipment and had a pitocin drip started to have the labor induced. The pitocin definitely worked as hard contractions quickly started and lasted for about 8 hours. At around 5:30 p.m., after going through a little over 8 hours of grueling contractions which resulted in a lot of sickness, we were seeing very little progress. Kim was only dilated 1 cm. We could see that this was going to be a long haul and decided that Kim could not do this forever, so we opted for the epidural.

The epidural was met with a lot of relief. Much comfort and rest resulted. In addition, the pitocin drip amount was increased and so the contractions were strengthened with no pain to mama. Kim was able to sleep pretty well while she labored. Unfortunately, not much progress was made with the delivery. By 7:00 a.m. on March 5th, Kim was only dilated 3 cms and Simeon's head had hardly descended. Our midwife consulted with the doctor on call and they both felt the birth was not going to occur vaginally. Being folks with good common sense, we followed their advice and de-

ecided to go with a C-Section.

Here is the kicker: during the C-Section, the doctor noted that umbilical cord was extremely short, as well as it was wrapped around Simeon's neck. In the end, the birth could not have occurred vaginally as every time he would try to descend, the cord would wrap around his neck and not allow the descent.

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



Simeon's First Picture right after birth!

## A DATE HAS BEEN SET...JUNE 26th, 2010

We are official. Our tickets have been purchased and our leave date for Ecuador is June 26th, 2010! It is quickly approaching. We are blessed to be able to travel down to Ecuador with a mission team from our home church in Mt Prospect, IL. Hopefully by traveling with them, it will ease our stress slightly to have ex-

tra hands! Please be in prayer for us during this time as we will be leaving our friends and family. The grandparents have already threatened to kidnap Simeon to stay with them! All kidding aside, this will be tough for all of us as we say our goodbyes.



The grandparents with Simeon

  
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WE'RE ALSO ON FACEBOOK AT  
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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:

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**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 GREEN BOX TO YOUR LEFT

*(If you have not heard are whole story and plans yet, please download our Winter 2010 Newsletter from <http://blogs.covchurch.org/delp>)*

## 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 **87%** for financial support and **90%** 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