

The Delp Detour to Ecuador



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Santo Domingo

Will you or your children be going to camp at one of the Covenant Camps this summer? If the answer

is yes, then you'll/they'll be seeing a video about our camp in Santo Domingo. That is because our camp here in Ecuador will be this year's recipient of the camp mission project.

Each year the Covenant Campgrounds in the States take an offering during their camps that goes to a mission project somewhere in the world. This year it is Ecuador's campgrounds. You won't see us in the video but we helped make it and its about our campgrounds that you are always reading about in our newsletters and on our blog. This is for sure exciting news as we are planning to utilize the funds to renovate the kitchen, add a pool, and begin the process of constructing family cabins. These improvements will help it to be safer (in that children can swim in a pool instead of a dangerous river and the kitchen will be much more sanitary for food preparation) and more accessible for families with having the family cabins.

VISAS UPDATE

Thank you all for your prayers for the renewal of our Visas, so that we could stay in Ecuador the 5 additional months. We did receive the extensions on June 1st, which was good because Kim left for the States on June 3rd and it could have caused problems if they weren't processed quickly enough. It was an all-week process having to go into the office several times and wait in line but in the end it paid off because we received our new Visas. Praise the Lord!!!

Kim travels to foreign land

In early June, Kim had the opportunity to travel to a foreign land and meet with the locals and learn of their history... well... ok... sort of, but not quite. She actually traveled to Chicago for a week and took a class on the History of the Evangelical Covenant Church. It was a neat opportunity that came about because we are applying to be Long-Term Missionaries and since she hasn't been to Seminary, she is required to take this class and another class on Covenant Theology in July. It was a great week for her to learn but also see and catch up with many friends in Chicagoland. She even had the opportunity to visit our home church, Northwest Covenant, in Mt. Prospect on the Sunday before she left. So while she was off having fun and eating lots of great American food that we sometimes miss in Ecuador, Simeon and dad stayed back and held down the fort in Quito. They both survived without mom! Here's a picture of Kim with her professors and classmates.



Above: Kim with her professors and classmates at North Park Seminary in Chicago

Right: Pictures from our LONG, but WONDERFUL Field Study Process, meeting many new friends



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(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)

Picture of the family at a good friends' wedding in Charleston, SC



Field Study Process

In the end of May, we completed the Field Study process where we visited all of the conferences of churches that make up IPEE, the Covenant National Church of Ecuador. When everything was said and done we had completed 30 interviews/meetings in the 6 different IPEE conferences. We traveled all around the country visiting the jungle, the two largest cities of Quito and Guayaquil, the northern area which includes the city of Ibarra, the Quechua part of the country, the area of Santo Domingo and the coastal region. Thank you for your prayers for safety in our travels. We can honestly say that through all the trips made for the Field Study we never once had any major car problems or major difficulties in general.

Thank you Jesus!

This was a wonderful experience for us as we had the opportunity to learn so much about the individual Covenant churches and their ministries with children. We are blessed to be serving a National Church which has many fantastic individual churches with pastors and laymen who are working hard to serve the Lord and have great ministries despite very few resources. From our meetings we are now compiling all of the information into a large report to present to the Advisory Council of IPEE so that they can make a decision about the location for the future ministry of a Center for At Risk Children and a Medical Clinic.



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Thoughts from Martin Luther:

We are always *coram deo*, before God, before His face. Never are we out of the presence of the personal God who hears and responds, who cares and understands. (Adapted from Covenant Affirmations, "This We Believe" by Donald Frisk.)

Calendar of Events

- June 24th-July 8th Joel's family visiting (minus Bo, Brianne and Bailey-we'll miss you!!!)
- July 15th Work Team from the States for dinner with us. They will be in Ecuador July 8th-20th with MERGE MINISTRIES
- July 21st-July 28th, Kim in MN for Theology of the Covenant class
- July 30th-Joel having ACL knee reconstruction

PRAYER REQUESTS

- God's leading and the discernment of His will for our future ministry with children and medicine
- Continued prayer for Spanish learning, especially with many meetings that are entirely in Spanish
- Joel will be having ACL reconstructive knee surgery on his knee July 30th! Pray for quick recovery!
- Our ministries in Santo Domingo
- To be Godly examples to Simeon & to raise him in the knowledge of Jesus
- Continued prayer for Ruth's swallowing. Pray for **FULL** recovery of the ability to swallow

ANSWERED PRAYER

- Safety during all the field study visits and for Kim's first trip to the States in June
- Simeon is growing and eating and growing! He's also now fixing puzzles and speaking in both languages.

Financial Update & Request for Help

We have recently learned that our Ministry Account has gotten very low and will remain low or in the red the remainder of our time this year in Ecuador. You may ask, "But Joel and Kim, how could this be? You have said that you raised all of the support that was needed for your budget and you've raised the additional amount that was needed for your 5 month extension?" Yes, you would be correct in your questions and what we have explained about what was raised in the past for what was budgeted. And for that we are compelled to give you all an enormous and grateful **THANK YOU** for being such wonderful and gracious supporters that have met our needs every time that we have asked!!!!

The time has arisen again in which we need to ask for help. This has come about not because of the lack of support but because of an overage in spending. Unfortunately, the overage in spending has been out of our control. Things have been more costly for us than what was originally anticipated and for that reason we have gone above the amounts that were budgeted and for what we had raised support for. We prayerfully decided early on in our time in Ecuador that even though we knew that this was going to be the case that if we felt that God was calling us to these ministries that he would meet all of our needs, including those financial ones, even if they went above what was originally planned.

Let us give you a few examples. We were given a budget of \$150 per month for our transportation costs. Well, over the last two years we have had average monthly transportation costs of \$425. We were aware of this excess but we decided that God and the National Church were wanting us to serve in the Camp in Santo Domingo and with our most recent Field Study, so we felt that we should keep doing those ministries and he would provide. A second example would be Kim's recent news that she needed to take a couple of classes in the States. She just got back from a week in Chicago taking a Covenant History class and she'll be taking a Covenant Theology class in July in St. Paul, MN. These classes have come about because of the fact that we are applying to be Long-Term Missionaries and return to Ecuador! This is exciting for us but also it's an additional expense. She will have had over \$3,000 worth of expenses once everything is said and done for taking these two classes. If you are wondering why she's not waiting to take them until we return to the States in November, it's because of the timing for applying for Long-Term Missionary Status and seeking Consecration as Long-Term Missionaries in June of 2013 instead of 2014, which would delay our time getting back to Ecuador. The third and final example is the fact that we have continued taking Spanish classes on and off when we were able to. We had originally only budgeted for the first 6 months. This hasn't been a major expense because we haven't done it an extraordinary amount of times but it is an extra expense nonetheless.

People have often told us before that they would like to have an idea of some of our different costs so that way they can support us specifically for one or several specific items. Well, we provided a list of some of those items below to help you if you would like to support a specific cost.

We wanted to again provide the ways in which you can support us financially. Those are: 1) Send a check to: Covenant World Mission, 8303 W. Higgins Rd., Chicago, IL 60631 and specify that the check is for "Joel & Kim Delp STM Account"; 2) Provide a one time or recurring gift online where the link for "**DONATE ONLINE!**" can be found on our blog: <http://blogs.covchurch.org/delp>

We close with the words of the Apostle Paul to the church in Corinth: "Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I always thank my God for you because of the grace given you in Christ Jesus." (1st Corinthians 1:4)

Lists of costs that have caused the over expenditure

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| • I Trip to Santo Domingo = \$60
(We average 1 or 2 every month) | • Average Field Study Trip = \$80
(They were 5 actual trips in total) |
| • Brake Pad Replacement = \$80
(Average 1 every 4 months) | • Kim's Transportation costs for the 2 classes = \$1,300 |
| • Denominational Charges for Kim's 2 Classes = \$1,900 | • Annual Car Maintenance = \$200 |
| • I Week of Spanish Class = \$170 | • Charges for babysitter during Spanish classes = \$40 |



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