

# The Delp Detour to Ecuador

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## A Partnership is Born

For many of you that have been following along with us over the years, this will not come as a huge surprise but for some of you who are newer partners to our ministry, this may be new information for you. During this time of Home Assignment in the States, we have been in a process of joining with 13 close friends of ours to start a non-profit organization called the Santiago Partnership. The purpose of this organization is to support the ministries of the homes for at risk children and medical clinics that we will be creating in Ecuador in partnership with the Covenant national church of Ecuador.

Its mission states, *"The Santiago Partnership, as an international team of followers of Jesus Christ collaborating with the local church of Ecuador, South America, seeks to transform the lives of at risk children and their families, as well as serve underprivileged communities."* The name "Santiago" is the Spanish name for James as it comes from the book of James and the fact that we desire to have a faith that isn't dead but one that is truly lived out. Also, James 1:27 specifically calls us to care for "orphans." You can understand the Santiago Partnership in this way: just as we are Covenant Long-term Missionaries and all of our support for our missionary and personal expenses goes through the Evangelical Covenant Church, the Santiago Partnership will be providing the funding for the project costs of the homes and clinics. Please pray for the 15 members of the Board of Directors (names listed on back) as we will be working hard to raise funds to purchase land for the first home, build the first home, staff and supply the medical clinic, as well as get the first home up and running, all in 2014. Please check out our website where you can watch our video and learn more about us. Your support of this vital ministry is greatly appreciated!



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<http://www.santiagopartnership.org>

Facebook: **SantiagoPartnership**



**Right:** Members of the Board of Directors of the Santiago Partnership during their "Vision Trip" to Ecuador in September of 2012

## MEDICAL UPDATE

Thank you all for your continued prayers for Joel's mother, Ruthie. Her swallowing has still not returned totally since her surgery back in May of 2011. She is still only at 50% capacity. Please pray for total healing and comfort with her eating and swallowing. Also, many of you have been praying for our friend, Ruben, the Administrator of the Camp in Ecuador, who has had difficulties with his pancreas and then further problems that resulted from a surgery to repair it. He also still has not recovered and can use your prayers for complete healing.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM  
THE DELPS!





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**WE'RE ALSO ON FACEBOOK  
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*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*

- Isaiah 9:6

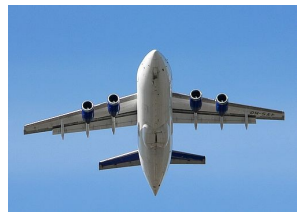
### Calendar of Events

- December 8 — Visits to two Cincinnati area Covenant Churches
- December 15 — Sojourner Covenant Church, Evanston, IL
- January 11 & 12 — Northwest Covenant Church, Mt. Prospect, IL
- January 19 — New Community Covenant Church, Chicago, Bronzeville, IL
- February 23 — Packing Day in Coshocton, OH — preparing the Ecuador shipment
- End of February — Return to Ecuador
- Beginning of June — Planned move to Cayambe, Ecuador
- May/June — Acquisition of property for the first home for at risk children in Cayambe
- Mid June — Birth of our second child
- July/August — Open the clinic to public
- August — Begin construction on the first home for at risk children in Cayambe

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## Heading to Ecuador!!!

- Yes! That is correct! We have received preliminary approval to begin our plans to head back to Ecuador at the end of February!!! Praise the Lord!!!! It is preliminary in the sense that we still have some work to do in fundraising for our setup costs which include: vehicle, furniture, appliances, language study, moving costs and apartment deposit. As long as we are able to raise a significant amount in 2013 toward our Setup Costs, we can continue with our plans to return to Ecuador in February 2014. *If you would like to contribute a one-time gift toward our Setup Costs, you can go to our blog and make an online donation or send in a check written out to the "Evangelical Covenant Church" and designated to "Delp Missionary Support" to the address: 8303 W. Higgins Rd., Chicago, IL 60631. If, as expected, we do head back to Ecuador in February, we have big plans for 2014. First off, we are going to send a container down to Ecuador before we leave so let us know if you would like to donate medical or dental supplies or things that would be needed for setting up a children's home. Once we move back to Ecuador, we plan to initially live in our apartment in Quito and do language study for a few months. Then we are planning to move to Cayambe where the first home and clinic are going to be setup. At that point, we are praying that Kim will be able to do her "One Year Rural Internship" in our clinic in Cayambe, so that way it can be opened immediately. After she completes her internship, she will be licensed as a doctor in Ecuador! Finally, we are hoping to purchase land and then construct and open the first home for at risk children in Cayambe. And that's not all, we'll also be having our second child at some point too!!!*



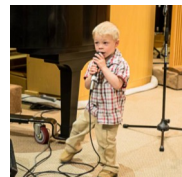
OUR BLOG

[blogs.covchurch.org/delp](http://blogs.covchurch.org/delp) Our blog is a great way to keep up with us. We update it at least once a week if not more. This is a great way to know exactly how to pray for us on a daily basis and keeps your email inbox a little less cluttered from our updates. Check it out!

## SIMEON'S SECTION

**Right:** Simeon preparing for his future ministry or a possible singing career

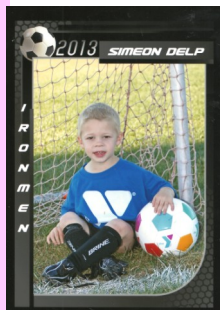
**Below:** First soccer picture



Above: Simeon loves fishing



Below Left: Simeon loves driving



Below Right: Simeon & his best friend Caleb will be reunited in 2014



## PRAYER REQUESTS

- That we can complete our fundraising efforts by the end of 2013 so that our departure date for the end of February can be secured
- For the creation and fundraising efforts of the Santiago Partnership so that all of our goals can be met for 2014 in partnership with IPEE
- That our goals for 2014 are met: opening the clinic, purchasing property, and constructing & opening the first home in Cayambe
- That Kim will be approved to do her 1-Year Rural Internship at our clinic in Cayambe so there is no delay in getting it opened
- For the birth of our second child in Ecuador
- For Simeon & his readjusting to life in Ecuador
- Also, for Joel & Kim as we leave family & friends behind in the U.S. & as we readjust to life in Ecuador & get back into speaking Spanish
- For all of the moving we will be doing in 2014 & the stress that it entails: first with our move to Ecuador & into our apartment in Quito & then later our move to an apartment in Cayambe

## ANSWERED PRAYER

- That God has brought so many new ministry partners & sustained dedicated ministry partners that support us so well
- That God has been working in the Santiago Partnership in bringing the Board together & providing clear direction for pursuing our goals
- That God has worked in Ecuador in leading both the Covenant national church & local churches

## Please pray for the Santiago Partnership Board:

- Henry & Olguita Burbano of Quito, Ecuador
  - Joel & Kim Delp of Quito, Ecuador
- Tim & Angie Eberhard of Coshocton, OH
- Scott & Sara Hallam of Massillon, OH
- Jeff & Kristi Lundblad of Mt. Prospect, IL
- Zach & Janae Stevens of Coshocton, OH
- Marcela Tapia of Carapungo, Ecuador
- Paul & Mary Thompson of Mt. Prospect, IL