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Catching You Up...

In our last newsletter from September we mentioned that we would be having interviews for changing our status from Short-term Missionaries to Long-term Missionary Candidates. We are happy to report that all went well with the interviews and we are currently considered Long-term Missionary Candidates. The reason the word "candidate" is included is because there are two steps remaining still in the process before we are finalized as Long-term Missionaries. We will be having some final interviews with the

Department of Ordered Ministry in March 2013 and then we will be voted on and approved at the Annual Meeting in June as Long-term Missionaries. During the same Annual Meeting, the idea is that Joel will also be Ordained and Kim consecrated for our ministerial licenses.



As you know we are now living in the States and are on our time of Home Assignment, which is a missionary's time to visit churches and strengthen the base of support before heading back to one's country of service. Joel will be handling the primary responsibility in this area. We have asked and Kim has been approved to work as a Nurse Practitioner while we are here to get some practical clinical experience as a NP and to keep her license current. This is what she will be doing. Our hope is to return to our home of Ecuador in February 2014.

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



Many Blessings have Come our Way...

Since returning from Ecuador we realized the amount of things we needed and had been praying for. For example, a car, a place to live, a job, etc. Within the first couple of weeks, we finished the paperwork to receive a car-the car Kim's mom had been using. We will be able to drive this car during the time we are in the States. Additionally, the first day we were back in Indiana, Kim had an interview at Goshen Hospital to work for a company called APOGEE

PHYSICIANS. She found out a couple of days later that she got the job. She will be working as a *HOSPITALIST* in a practice with two doctors and two other Nurse Practitioners.

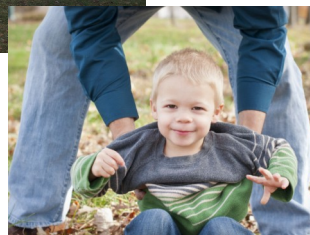
The other major thing that God has blessed us with is a place to live. We had been praying for a place to live close to where Kim would be working. Joel's mom and dad asked around their church and found out there was a farmer and



Kim's parents and us after the title for the car was turned over to us.



The Blessing of a new Home...



A smiling Simeon

his wife who had a farmhouse that they thought would be perfect and they even said previously before we inquired that it would be great to have missionaries living there. We were happy to help them with that desire! We moved in on December 1st and we are very excited to start feeling a little more settled and stable in one place.

THANK YOU all for your prayers in regards to these areas. We are SO thankful for what God has done!

WHAT CAN WE DO?

We know because we have been there that people will always ask themselves, well, "what can I/We do?" We're not missionaries, we're not millionaires, we don't even have a whole lot of time to invest. Am I really going to make a difference? The answer from us is a resounding YES! You CAN help. Would you consider becoming a prayer partner? Prayer is literally what has sustained us and we can't say enough how much we appreciate it!

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Prayers

- For quick processing of Kim's credentialing paperwork so she can start working
- For a manageable learning curve in a new job
- For a Hispanic community close to speak Spanish with and have community with
- For health during the flu and cold season
- For wisdom and guidance planning out our year of home-assignment
- For continued and new prayer and financial supporters to come on board.

Praises

- Praises for a new home, new job, new car and new community
- Praises for a feeling of stability and routine
- Praises for continued monthly supporters
- Praises for time spent with both of our families



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We would love to!

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Your active role in our ministry still very much needed

Now that we are Long-term Missionary Candidates, your active role in our ministry is still needed. Just because we are not currently in Ecuador, does not mean that our ministry expenses have ceased. All of our ministry expenses are covered by our ongoing support while we are here in the States plus Joel's salary and benefits. Kim will not receive a salary as she will be working in the hospital. The biggest thing we want you to know is that our expenses to return and be sustained in Ecuador have gone up significantly as Long-term Missionaries. Additionally, since we are returning to Ecuador for the long term, what is most important is our continuous, sustained monthly giving that is at the required level.

- **In order to return to Ecuador, we must show 3 to 4 months of average monthly giving of over \$9,700. We currently have about \$3,700 in average monthly support.**
- What we are really needing to return to Ecuador is a higher level of committed monthly/quarterly givers.
- If you have given to our ministry in the past, would you be

able to make a monthly commitment now?

- If you are giving regularly now, would it be possible to raise the amount of monthly/quarterly contribution?
- Do you know someone that you or we could get in touch with about supporting our ministry? Or do you know of a church or small group that we could visit to share about our ministry?
- With any of these options, please use the response card that is included and send it in using the envelope that is also included. We have also included an Electronic Transfer Form (ETF) which is the lowest cost way to support our ministry on a monthly basis.



The Delp Family