The Delp Detour to Ecuador



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remember from our March newsletter, Joel had completed his "assessment" phase investigating the Campgrounds where he conducted interviews, completed inventories and reviewed historical financial data. After this he moved into a period of time where he visited other campgrounds and Ecolodge type locations where he could see what they are doing well and not so well and determine what all ideas could be implemented on our camp. After this it took him about two months to first write the report

of his findings and recommendations (33 pages) and then translate it into Spanish. In May he presented this report to the administrative board of the camp. After going through a period of time for reading the report and discerning what to do, Joel will be meeting with this board in mid-July to discuss the report and make decisions as how to proceed. As always, your prayers are very much cherished in all of this



Pictures from Kim's 1st trip to Tena



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Kim

back from her 1 st trip to Tena the last full week of June. She found out she will be creating a curriculum with approximately 15-16 different themes to teach nursing assistants in the Tena healthcare system. Over July and August she will be writing the curriculum about what a disability is, how to take care of children with disabilities, etc . In Tena, most families

who have a child with disabilities do not take them to hospitals or clinics because

they do not trust the healthcare system. Hopefully,Kim will be helping to change this mindset by educating healthcare professionals so they can better care for families and children with disabilities. Starting in September she will be teaching the nursing assistants in Tena twice a month. She will be working with a Finnish missionary, Joanna, pictured below. (ALL of the above is contingent on this project receiving approval from healthcare officials in Tena)

Colombia Ecuador 🐚 Peru

Whirlwind Return TO the States

Since January (and before), Joel's mom, Ruthie has had difficulty swallowing and getting food caught as she does swallow. Over the next couple months after we returned to Ecuador, she had a large amount of testing done, going to three different doctors. Eventually, in May, she was diagnosed with a Chordoma (primary malignant bone cancer that develops from remnants of embryonic notochord in the

skull-base and spine.) The tumor was located between the 3rd and 4th cervical vertebrae. On May 12th, she had an 8 hour surgery to remove the chordoma. On May 16th, we flew to the States to be with Ruthie and the rest of the family. She was in the hospital for 2 weeks and we ended up extending our time in the States for a few days to help with the transition for her and Joel's dad, Earl. At the time we left, Ruthie was still unable to swallow and wearing a hard neck brace. She also had a tube placed into her abdomen to receive nutrition as she is unable to eat. Please pray for healing, healing for the muscles in her neck so she can regain the ability to swallow. Pray for encouragement and for peace.

> Address in Ecuador: CASILLA 17-11-6068, Quito, Ecuador, SOUTH AMERICA (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)





Volume 2, Issue 4 June 2011 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.

THANK YOU! **MUCHAS GRCIAS!**

We know SO many of you have been praying for Ruthie (Joel's mom). Thank you so much for your prayers. She has said multiple times that she can FEEL the prayers and that is what is getting her through!

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WE'RE ALSO ON **FACEBOOK AT JOEL DELP AND KIM CARTER DELP**

NEW QUOTE OR VERSE

"I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:1-3

Calendar of Events

- June 26th July 8th We will be working in Ibarra with a work team composed of youth and youth Sponsors from our church, Northwest Covenant, in Mt. Prospect, IL
- July 6th Earl's hip replacement surgery
- July 8th FACE meeting
- July 15th Camp meeting •
- July 23 & 24th Annual Children's Retreat at the Camp in Santo Domingo
- August 19th—Camp meeting
- August 22nd 29th Hosting a "Vision Team" from Evergreen Covenant Church in Sanford, ME
- Beginning of September, Kim hopefully • starts teaching nursing assistants in Tena
- September 16th Camp meeting .
- October 14th FACE meeting •
- October 21st Camp meeting •
- November 18th Camp meeting •
- November 22nd—26th Joel is teaching • at ACTS 29 — Covenant Youth Exchange (Ecuador & Sweden)

JUST SO YOU KNOW... Here is our list of responsibilities that we currently participate in: Joel is in a project manager role at the Covenant Camp in Santo Domingo, Kim will be doing work in Tena, for children and adolescents with disabilities, we share a position on the FACE (the Social outreach branch) board of IPEE, Joel has a position on the committee responsible for the Camp, Joel serves as the treasurer for the Mission (all the U.S. missionaries), we at-٠

tend and help out at three different Covenant churches and Spanish classes (of coursel).

- In May, Kim's parent's, Jerry and Noritta Carter came to visit Ecuador
- for the 1st time. It was nice to have them here and show them
- around a little in Ecuador. We visited sites in Quito and surrounding
- areas including Mitad del Mundo (Middle of the world), Old Quito,
- the Basilica and others. We also traveled to Mindo and Santo Do
 - mingo. It was nice to be able to share with them our lives here a little
- bit and have them put places and faces to mind when we talk about

them.



Please note that the Covenant World Mission office has moved. If you send in support through U.S. Postal Mail, please begin sending support to:

Covenant World Mission Joel and Kim Delp STM Support 8303 W. Higgins Rd.



----Continued prayer for Spanish difficulties, especially in the midst of many meetings that are entirely in Spanish

—Joel's work in Santo Domingo & safety when he (& the family) travel there

Kim's work Tena and the travel there

-To be Godly examples to Simeon & to raise him in the knowledge of Jesus

-For Simeon's growth and development. He is still small for his age, but developmentally fine!

- Continued prayer for Ruth's recovery with continued pain and discomfort, but primarily for her to regain the ability to swallow

— Earl's (loel's dad) hip replacement surgery on July 6th

- Confidence & ability in sharing the love of Jesus with our Spanish instructor

- A few monthly supporters have not been able to continue & we added language school into our second year budget and so we have dropped below 100% supported

Answered Prayer

- 110% Prayer Support

- Ruth's successful removal of the chordoma tumor on her third vertebrae



and Mommy at McDonald's playland.

ground.

RIGHT: Simeon with the Basilica in the back-

Simeon says:

— I am walking A LOT and for some reason mom and dad run behind me a lot too!

- My new words are "ouch" and working on 'vamos"

— The doctor says I am developmentally ahead of schedule

While we were visiting Grandma Delp in Goshen, the doctor stuck my arm and red stuff came out. Mom and Dad and the doctor said everything was OK with the red stuff and before we came back home to see Hireq and Patah, the doctor talked to mom and dad a long time and then used a cold thing to listen to my chest and back. The doctor said everything was fine.