

The Delp Detour to Ecuador



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Santo Domingo

Approved!!!! Thanks be to God. If you remember from our December newsletter, the campgrounds in Santo Domingo was waiting on final approval for the Camp Project of 2012. Well, we have heard final word and it has been approved!

IPEE's Campgrounds in Santo Domingo will be the campgrounds receiving the proceeds from the Camp Project 2012, which is an offering that the Covenant Camps from the U.S. and Canada make every year. 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 the campgrounds 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.

MEDICAL UPDATE

Thank you all for your continued prayers for Joel's mother, Ruthie. There has been positive progress with her swallowing in that she is able to swallow more foods, so much so that she was able to have the feeding tube removed. Praise the Lord! However, her muscles that are used in swallowing are still not working fully. She still needs to puree all of her food before trying to eat it. Please continue to pray for Ruthie and FULL healing of her ability to swallow.

Tena & the Napo Province

After many months of talking about the disabilities project, we finally had our 1st and only teaching in Guagua Sumaco, a very small jungle village about 4 hours from Quito. We tried to do a teaching on February 4th, but had to turn around and go back because a bridge was out. There was no SAFE way to get around it, so we turned around but did return two weeks later. We did all the teaching in one day, but it turned out very well and was very interesting to see the adolescents simulating disabilities through different activities.



Starting the end of February, we have been

traveling to Tena (another jungle town) for Kim and fellow short-term missionary, Mandy Hjelm, to teach an HIV/AIDS education workshop. It has been as much of a learning experience for Kim in this new roll of "teacher" instead of student. Please check out our blog: <http://blogs.covchurch.org/delp/> or the [Covenant Newswire](http://CovenantNewswire) to learn more about our adventures in the jungle.



Visionaries Together

We have been keeping you updated on our joint vision with IPEE, the Evangelical Covenant Church of Ecuador, to develop a center for at risk children and a medical clinic in the future. When we last left you, the Administrative Council of IPEE had decided that we should do a Field Study - going out and visiting all the current children's ministries that IPEE's churches have and see if there would be a local children's ministry in which we could partner in our future work. Well, that's where we are right now; it's just that we have a lot more detail planned into it. We are planning that in the months of March, April and May we will be visiting all 6 conferences of churches to do the Field Study. We'll be spending approximately a week in each conference. This means a lot more traveling is coming but this is an exciting step in the process for us. Something else that is exciting for us is that during the last Annual Meeting of IPEE, which occurred in February, our good friend and coworker, Henry Burbano, was named the next president of IPEE. We are excited for him and for the church as we think so highly of him and his ability to lead and follow the Spirit's leading. **Please pray for him in his new role.** We also have selfish reasons to be excited as we have such a good relationship with the new president of IPEE and how he can help us in this project.



Above: Kim & fellow missionary Mandy Hjelm teaching at a HIV/AIDS workshop



Above Left: One of the activities at the HIV/AIDS workshop—a demonstration of how the HIV/AIDS virus infects a person



Above: Henry Burbano, good friend and the new president of IPEE

Right: The Hut where the workshops are held

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**WE'RE ALSO ON FACEBOOK
AT
JOEL DELP AND
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Lenten Verse

"Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat—I am. Don't run from suffering: embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how."

-Jesus, taken from The Message, Luke 9:23-24

Calendar of Events

- March 20-26 — In Charleston, S.C. for the wedding of some very good friends: Joel is leading the ceremony. Simeon is a ring bearer & Kim is reading scripture.
- March 27 & 28 — In Tena for the last HIV/AIDS workshop
- March 28—April 1 — Trip to the Amazon Conference for the Field Study
- April 3 — Joel leading devotions at IPEE
- April 9-13 — Trip to the North Conference for the Field Study
- April 16-20 — Trip to the Northern Coast Conference for the Field Study
- April 23-27 — Trip to the Quechua Conference for the Field Study
- April 30-May 5 — Trip to the Central Conference for the Field Study
- May 8 — Kim leading devotions at IPEE
- May 11 — Our 10th Anniversary
- May 14-18 — Trip to the Southern Coast Conference for the Field Study
- May 23-27 — Trip to Santo Domingo for the Field Study
- May 27 — Joel preaching at Dios Es Amor in Santo Domingo

We have found out recently that Kim is going to need to travel to the States for two weeks to take a couple of classes: one week in June and another in July. These classes will be over the History and the Theology of the Evangelical Covenant Church. She is taking these as preparation for us applying to be Long Term Missionaries with the Covenant Church. We are going to apply for consecration as Long Term Missionaries in the 2013 Annual Meeting, which the process begins this October when a paper is due. In order to write the paper, she has to have taken both of these classes. Because we were not planning on Kim taking these trips, we have do not have the flights budgeted. We thought maybe some of you might be willing to share airline "miles" with us in order to purchase the flights for Kim. We have frequent flyer programs with American, Continental and Delta Airlines. Specifically, American Airlines has a special deal for sharing miles going on right now that runs out at the end of March. Please contact us if you would like to help out: joel-kim.delp@covchurch.org or 773-505-8783.



OUR BLOG

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!

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**SIMEON'S SECTION
Simeon turned 2 on March 5th!!**



A Monkey Themed Party

Left: Simeon in Monkey Clothes

Above: The Monkey Cake



Bottom Left: Balloons were the big hit

Below: Simeon & his buddy Caleb



Simeon says:

— I love taking showers now; they are so much fun! Also, I get more water time when mom and dad let me help them with the dishes.

— I am around 22 pounds in weight. Please pray that I continue to grow and develop.

— I love looking outside when we go on all of our trips and I see cows out the window. Every time I see one, I shout "VACA!!!" which means "cow" in Spanish.

— I have never found a ball I didn't like. I could spend hours kicking a ball with mom and dad and shouting "GOOAAALL!!!" when I score.

— All of our trips are better for me now that we got the DVD Player and I can watch "videos."

PRAYER REQUESTS

— Prayer for safety in all of our travel. Driving on the highways in Ecuador is not safe & we need His protection with all of our trips that we are making.

— Please pray for God's leading & direction with our Field Study & God opening & closing doors as He sees fit. We want to do everything according to His will.

— Specifically in the beginning of June we will be reapplying for Visas. We have been in Ecuador on a 2 Year Missionary Visa which expires in the end of the month. We have to reapply & have approved new 2 Year Visas in order to stay until November.

— Continued prayer for Spanish learning, especially with many meetings that are entirely in Spanish

— Our ministries in Santo Domingo & Tena

— 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 swallowing. Pray for **FULL** recovery of the ability to swallow

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

ANSWERED PRAYER

— We have had an answer to prayer for the additional financial support we needed since we added 5 months to our time. We have received all of the support. *Hallelujah!!! Thank you so much for your prayers & support.*