

# The Delp Detour to Ecuador



Santo Domingo

**Approved!!!! Thanks be to God.** If you remember from our June newsletter, the Camp Committee was deciding on the plan for making improvements to the Camp in our July meeting. Well, we are very happy to tell you that the plan Joel presented called the "Super Camp" plan was approved. Since this meeting, we have begun implementing the first step in this plan which has included: making changes to better the working conditions of the administrator, adding an incentive bonus plan for the employees, making purchases that are needed immediately, adding a system for recycling and fixing damaged/deteriorated things at the camp. Please pray for us as we continue in this important work.



## Old Friends, New Friends, & Lots of Teams

On June 25th, a mission team from our home church, Northwest Covenant in Mt. Prospect, IL came to work in Ibarra. We had a great time reconnecting and it was such a boost to see familiar faces from the States. We appreciated their work and seeing new parts of Ecuador.

Towards the end of July, there was a team from Willmar and Dawson, MN that came to the Covenant Camp in Santo Domingo. We didn't know them before this trip, but felt like God really brought us together to share and get to know each other better. We are excited for them to come back to Ecuador in the future.

In August, our Ecuador team hosted a Vision Team from Evergreen Covenant Church in Sanford, Maine. A vision team is: a group of people who desire to come to a country where there are Covenant Ministries and learn more about those ministries with the end that they can begin a relationship for future partnership in ministry. It was a great time of getting to know this group.

## PACTO SUMACO

In Joel's work in the leadership of FACE, he has gotten involved in a Covenant World Relief project in Pacto Sumaco, a small Covenant community which has received so much from the Covenant ("Pacto" in Spanish) church over the years that they have renamed themselves after the Covenant. You can read more about this project and how to support it on our blog.

**Below and Right-** Youth from Northwest Team



**Above:** Vision Team @ restaurant in historic Quito

**Left:** Willmar team at our apartment.



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## 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.*

## MEDICAL UPDATES

Thank you all for your continued prayers for Joel's parents, Earl and Ruth. Following a successful hip replacement in July, Earl is back to playing tennis, riding bikes and gardening. Ruthie has begun to swallow more foods, including coffee, but recent tests show her muscles are still not working correctly compared to the same tests from May. This is pretty discouraging information. Please continue to pray for Ruthie and FULL healing of her ability to swallow.

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

**NEW QUOTE OR VERSE**

"Lord God, Almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought me in safety to this new day. Preserve me with your mighty power, that I may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all I do direct me to the fulfilling of your purpose, through Jesus Christ my Lord.  
 Amen

-From *The Divine Hours* by Phillis Tickle

**Calendar of Events**

- October 1-11 — Covenant World Mission Staff and Regional Coordinators here
- October 3rd — Trip to Tres Lote for project review
- October 6th — Trip to Pacto Sumaco for project review
- October 7th — Meeting with FACE leaders and Covenant World Mission leaders
- October 12th — Fellow missionaries and friends (the Hoskin's) go back to U.S.
- October 14th — FACE meeting in El Chaco
- October 15th — Camp Meeting in Santo Domingo
- October 16th — Joel preaching in Santo Domingo
- October 28th — 30th — Annual Pastor's Retreat in Santo Domingo
- November 11th — Joel's Birthday
- November 18th — Camp Meeting in S.D.
- November 22nd — 26th — Joel is teaching at ACTS 29 — Covenant Youth Exchange (Ecuador & Sweden)



*This is a new book that we have been reading. We actually started it in April and have been having discussions on our blog about it. To be honest, this book may make some people uncomfortable, but it reveals the painful truth about poverty and how a lot of strategies that try to help, really do more damage than good. We HIGHLY recommend this book to all those interested in understanding poverty and how to make a difference — whether in the States or around the world.*

**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!* **OUR BLOG**

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.  
 Chicago, IL 60631-2941*

**SIMEON'S SECTION**



•Above: Caleb and Simeon 'driving'



Above: Caleb and Simeon looking out our window at the planes.



Below: The fam @ the beach. Right: Simeon and Dad hanging out.



**Simeon says:**

— I have turned out to be quite the dancer and really love music of all kinds.  
 — I have a lot of 'new words like 'duck', 'hola', 'bye bye', 'shoes', 'mamita', papi, 'dog', more', juice and jugo, plus more!  
 — I am still under 20 pounds in weight. Please pray that I continue to grow and develop.  
 — I love looking out our windows and waving to all the planes coming and going. If they are coming, I wave (to say "bienvenidos") and if they are leaving, I wave to say ("buen viaje").  
 — I have also really enjoyed leaning how to drive. Dad lets me sit in the driver's seat and pretend to drive.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

- 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, as well as God's helping hand in difficult situation there (confidential details)
- 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 answer to our prayer request for additional financial support as we had slipped below being fully supported, but we are now 101% Financially Supported. *Hallelujah!!!*
- Successful hip replacement and recovery for Joel's dad, Earl.
- 110% Prayer Support