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The Delp Detour To...

Between Here and There... Transitioning Back to the U.S.

For some of you, this may seem a little unexpected. It is a bit of a change of plans for us because we were originally planning on returning back to the States in November. Things have been bumped up a little and we have purchased our return tickets for **October 9th!**

The reason for the change is that we have interviews the week we return as well as a 3-Day Ministry Assessment the following week. All of this is taking place in Chicago as part of the process of us applying to transition from Short-term Missionary status to Long-term Missionary Candidate status. Joel is pursuing ordination for the Annual Meeting in 2013 as well.

We decided to purchase our tickets for this time. It made more sense logistically and financially instead of returning to the States for these interviews just to go back to Ecuador and return



The family at the middle of the world between the Northern and Southern Hemispheres

to the States two weeks later when we were originally planning on returning in November. We just couldn't justify these extra expenses in our minds.

Although we will be returning to the States, this does not mean that our ministry or financial needs stop. We already have plans to visit three churches and attend the East Coast Conference Annual Pastor's retreat. These will take place the end of October and beginning of November.

As you can imagine, we will not have a lot of time to adjust from Ecuadorian life that we have known for the last two and a third years to life back in the States.

Siméon was only three and a half months old when we moved to Ecuador so he doesn't really know anything different. Can you believe it has been two years and four months already? How time flies...

"Security is mostly a myth. It doesn't exist in nature. Life is either a daring adventure or life is nothing at all."

-Helen Keller

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THE STATES FOR A YEAR?

This is a great question to ask. Our primary goal while back is to be on **home assignment**. This means we will be raising support to be Long-term Missionary Candidates with the *Evangelical Covenant Church*. We will be setting up church visits as well as trying to

meet with individuals in churches and mission boards to tell them about our future ministry in Ecuador. Also, we will be working to create and develop a support base of prayer and financial support in addition to what we already rely on, since the costs of ministry and living

will go up and we will be returning for a longer period. Additionally, Kim will start working as a Family Nurse Practitioner to help gain experience and to learn current practice techniques in this field for when we return to Ecuador.

Schedule of Upcoming Events

Flight to U.S.	October 9
World Mission Committee Interview	October 12
Midwest Ministry Assessment	October 15,17,18
Individual Licensing Interviews	October 16
Church Visit: Evergreen Covenant Church, Sanford, Maine	October 28
East Coast Conference Pastor's Retreat	October 29-31
Church Visit: Emmanuel Covenant Church, Nashua, New Hampshire	November 4

DO YOU WANT US TO COME VISIT YOUR CHURCH DURING OUR TIME IN THE STATES?

WE WOULD LOVE TO!

**JUST GIVE US A CALL
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Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

-James 1:27

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The Dream Continues...

Most of you know that we have had a dream of starting a center for at-risk children and a medical clinic for over ten years now. Many things have developed in contributing to the growth of this dream over our last two years in Ecuador. However, in mid-September, we literally had dreams coming true when we had a Vision Team from the States come to visit. As you probably remember, IPEE (the Covenant Church of Ecuador) made a decision about the location for the center and medical clinic to be a ministry of two districts of churches and specifically in the area of Otavalo.

The Vision Team that came was made up of people that are interested in supporting ministries here in Ecuador by serving on the Board of Directors



of the U.S. based non-profit organization. This Vision Team did not include all of those who are considering being a part of the Board of Directors, but the majority were able to come. We had a great time from the beginning where the team got to know Ecuador, its customs and nuances and just experience the beauty of the country. Toward the end of the week, we made a trip to the north of Ecuador and the team was able to see and get to know ministries and pastors in the two Covenant

conferences that are close to Otavalo. As well we visited two orphanages in the Quito area. After all of these visits, we were able to debrief a little bit and really started dreaming and brainstorming about future possibilities. This was a very exciting time. Hopefully, now that we have had their visit we can begin to work with IPEE and FACE (the social outreach branch of IPEE) to see what the next steps are in the process. Please pray for the Board of Directors and the future of this ministry.

Joel and Pastor Jose in Cayambe



Kristi and Kim starting an IV on fellow team member, Zach who got dehydrated.



R: Boy from Lote Cuatro

L: Pastor Paul, Joel and Simeon



Joel laughing with kids in Lote Cuatro

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ~For sanity during our transition back to the States
- ~For Kim to find a Nurse Practitioner job
- ~For rest and time with families over the Holiday Season
- ~For Simeon to make the adjustment to life in the States
- ~Continued potty-training adventures
- ~For God to go before us in the fundraising process and to provide individuals and churches willing to support us
- ~For friends and colleagues in Ecuador
- ~Continued developments with the center for at-risk children and medical clinic
- ~Wisdom and guidance for the Board of Directors as we meet in January



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Would you like to know more about the Evangelical Covenant Church and Covenant World Mission? Check out their website and learn more at:

<http://www.covchurch.org/>

HOW DO I GET IN CONTACT WITH JOEL, KIM AND SIMEON?????

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OUR BLOGS...

<http://blogs.covchurch.org/delp/>

<http://joelnkim.blogspot.com/>

Many people may think that when we return to the States in October, that financial support isn't needed. Well, we would love it if that was true, but actually we will need continued financial and prayer support during this transition period. We will have expenses during our time of Home Assignment in the year of 2013. As we discussed before, Home Assignment is the time taken by Long-term Missionary Candidates with the Evangelical Covenant Church to raise support through visiting churches, individuals and

church boards. During this time, our costs for making church visits and some living expenses will be funded by our support base.



Fundraising...The Journey Continues...

With all the financial information given above, you may now be thoroughly confused. We definitely don't want that so please do not hesitate at all to get in contact with us to answer any questions. All of our contact info is above, but the quickest way to reach us is probably by email at joel-kim.delp@covchurch.org

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Additionally, if you would like to give a one time gift or begin supporting us on a monthly basis, you can do that three ways:

1.) You can send a check made out to Covenant World Mission with Joel and Kim Delp in the memo line to this address:

Covenant World Mission
8303 W Higgins Road
Chicago, IL 60631

2.) If you would like, you can have a monthly deposit transfer made from your bank account to Covenant World Mission, so that way you don't have to worry about sending out a check every month..To do this just go to our blog: <http://blogs.covchurch.org/>

[delp/](http://blogs.covchurch.org/delp/) and click on the tab at the top of the page that says **DOCUMENTS**. After you click on that, there will be another tab that says **ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER FORM**. You can open this document and then print it out and send it to the above address of Covenant World Mission.

3.) The last way that you can donate is online. From our blog: <http://blogs.covchurch.org/delp/> you can click on the tab to the right of the blog post that says **DONATE ONLINE**. This will take you to our Covenant World Mission profile where it will give you instructions on how to donate easily online.

However, if you still have questions, (we know this is a lot of information), please contact us and we would love to help. We know that for us to return to Ecuador it will required the continued sacrificial giving of many and the new sacrificial giving of many new ministry partners. We appreciate and love you all so much and are so thankful for your support and relationship with us and our ministry.



Our family visiting an orphanage in Quito when the Vision Team was in Ecuador in September.