



The Delp Detour to Ecuador



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Jesus came and stood among them and said "Peace be with you!" After He said this, He showed them His hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again, Jesus said "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that, He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit"



Santo Domingo

After returning to Ecuador from the States in January, (See *Whirlwind Return from the States*, below) Joel started working in Santo Domingo, 3 hours west of Quito. IPEE (the Evangelical Covenant Church of Ecuador), asked him to come along side the Covenant Camp of Ecuador, located in Santo Domingo, to assist with the planning and implementation of a project plan for the camp. This plan will hopefully help in developing changes to the camp to make it more profitable. Though the camp has been profitable in the past, IPEE is struggling, financially, at the national level and IPEE leadership suggested Joel could possibly help in this area with his background and education in business. So far, Joel has completed his "ASSESSMENT" phase in developing a project plan

where he conducted employee interviews, completed an inventory of the camp, made observations, and participated in the work of the camp. NOW, he is stepping into the 2nd phase, where he is visit-



The Rocha Family

ing other camps in Ecuador as well as Eco-lodges to get an idea of what others are doing to attract visitors to their camps and lodges. Eventually he will use all of this information to develop 2 or 3 project plans to present to the administrative board of the camp. From that point, he will follow the leadership of the camp in implementing these project plans. Please pray for wisdom and encouragement as he develops these plans

to help in whatever ways the camp and IPEE as a whole would have him. Additionally, please pray for the Rocha family that runs the camp. They do a lot of work, and do it all with joy. Please pray for strength and encouragement for them as they do all the work for the camp as well as the visitors that stay at the camp.



The NEW Pavilion at the camp

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.

Whirlwind Return from the States

We came back to Ecuador in a whirlwind. We were supposed to host our new short term missionary, Mandy Hjeltn, but she ended up making it to Quito before we did. She did stay with us the day after we returned for about a week. She was given the full 'orientation' to being a missionary as the next day while we were shopping, one of our other short term missionary couples, the Hoskins, called saying they needed to bring their son Breck over to spend time with us as they were going in to have their second baby! We weren't expecting this for at least 3 more weeks or so! That same day, our country coordinator, Cheryl Clark was taken to the hospital and had her appendix and gallbladder removed! Like we said, it was quite a whirlwind, but we praise the Lord for the healthy birth of Elsa Hoskins and for the continued recovery of Cheryl. The next week, Josh Swenson, our final short-term missionary tore his meniscus in his knee and had surgery the next day. Please keep all of us in your prayers. You see how important they are in our everyday lives.

What's next for Kim?

TENA

Kim will continue with Spanish lessons, but, starting the next month or so, Kim will be partnering with the Finnish Covenant Church to start a new work in Tena (see map above for location). She will be helping diagnosing disabilities in an indigenous community close to Tena. Hopefully the diagnostic information gathered will be given to the government in hopes of receiving assistance for families of those with disabilities.

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THANK YOU!
MUCHAS GRACIAS!

We just want to thank all of those who prayed for Joel's dad (Earl) during the time we were in the States and after. We were so thankful that we were able to be in the States during this time-God was definitely in control of that.



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Where you can find us!

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"God longs for a heart that celebrates his presence by responding to him and caring for others."

-Darrel L. Bock, NIV Application Commentary - Luke

The highlight for Simeon since returning to Ecuador was his **FIRST** birthday on March 5th! We had a party with a lot of friends, including Simeon's babysitter, Martita and her family. It was a great day of celebrating the blessing of Simeon's life and thanking God for him. The morning of his birthday, at 8:34 A.M. when he was born, we stopped and sang happy birthday to him and then one of our fellow missionaries prayed a prayer of blessing on him. It was a really special time!



Simeon's friends that came to his 1st birthday party

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 disability diagnostic work in Tena, 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 attend and help out at three different Covenant churches and Spanish classes (of course!)

Moses said to the Lord, "O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue. The Lord said to him, "Who gave you this mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say." -Exodus 4: 10-12

Often we feel like Moses, unsure of ourselves and the adventures of life that he sends us on, but as the Lord says to Moses, "I will help you and teach you what to say", so He does with us as well. We encourage you, wherever you are and whatever you face, to remember the Lord's words to Moses and take comfort in His words.

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: SIMEON TURNS 1!!!



After Simeon's party, he gave US a surprise by taking his **FIRST** steps. He is now taking 15 steps at a time!



LEFT: Simeon and Martita (his babysitter)



RIGHT: Simeon all done with his cupcake

Simeon says:

I just recently hit some milestones:

- I started walking on my **FIRST** birthday!
- I have **EIGHT** teeth
- I like saying "mama" and "dada" and "dog"
- The doctor says I am developmentally ahead of schedule
- I am still small for my age by the doctor's charts here and in the U.S., but the doctor's don't seem concerned since I am developmentally where I should be. Please continue to pray for me and my growth and development.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Continued prayer for quick Spanish learning
 - Joel's work in Santo Domingo & safety when he (& the family) travel there
 - To be Godly examples to Simeon & to raise him in the knowledge of Jesus
 - Continued prayer for Earl's recovery
 - Formation of strong relationships with the members of the national church and the process of making the joint decision of fulfilling our dream (see "**Our Dream**") in Ecuador
 - Simeon's growth (see "**Simeon says:**")
 - Confidence & ability in sharing the love of Jesus with our Spanish instructor
 - Strength & encouragement as we miss our families & friends
 - Sale of our house in Marion, IN
- Answered Prayer**
- 102% Financially Supported
 - 110% Prayer Support
 - Earl's successful bypass surgery & fast recovery
 - Excellent Spanish teacher & loving care from our babysitter during Spanish
 - New formed relationships with our new friends & colleagues in Quito