



designing a world of hope

Hard to believe the summer holidays are already halfway over . . . Especially since we've been amazingly busy for not really having much planned. It's all been good though . . . Kevin played 104 holes in the eMi World Golf Marathon, raising about \$3000 toward eMi Canada's operating expenses . . . he ran his half-iron (that's a 2k swim, a 90k bike, and a 20k run) in 5:38 - 20 minutes faster than he was expecting . . . he'll have his Sudan report out the door next week . . . and he's had a full team for El Salvador for almost a month!

It's so nice to have a project trip that is going smoothly. The recruitment went well and the team is currently getting to know each other via email. Though there'll always be hiccups, after Sudan, Kevin's definitely NOT complaining. And . . . Michele gets to go too! (Thanks Grandma and Grandpa for watching the girls). This means that Michele will be raising \$1800 for her portion of the trip costs—if you'd like to contribute, just include a note that says "El Salvador project—Michele". If you'd like an eMi trip prayer guide to use as you pray, let us know and we'll send you one (or it can be downloaded from the eMi website at http://emicanada.org/documents/eMiC_PrayerGuide.pdf)

Kevin & Michele are heading to Quezaltepeque, on the side of an (inactive) volcano, where [The Father's Heart Foundation](#) is planning a family-style orphanage to reach orphaned and abandoned children. They've been given 5 acres of land, and are currently fundraising to pay for the adjoining 5 acres. We'll be arriving at the tail-end of the rainy season (though we should miss hurricane season) to help them master plan the orphanage, and to lend support to a local architect who is also involved in the project. Designing on a base of volcanic rock could be a new challenge for Kevin & the team. Michele is looking forward to interacting with the local children and helping out in whatever ways she can. Both Kevin and Michele are starting to practice a bit of Spanish again . . . we haven't needed it since Guatemala.

Before our project trip, though, we have one more trip planned, this one to the Okanagan. We'll be visiting Kevin's family in Armstrong, and then heading to Penticton to visit Michele's family. On Sunday, August 16th, we'll be speaking at Kaleden Church and on Wednesday evening, August 19th, we'll be having an Open House at Michele's parents' house, also in Kaleden. Everyone is welcome, so if you're in the area, please do come (let us know if you need an address). We're looking forward to connecting up with friends and supporters. Of course, we're hoping for a bit of holiday time too—we're sure the girls will enjoy the Okanagan beaches. Wishing you all a wonderful summer . . .

blessings,

Kevin, Michele, Talia & Kaisa

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July/August 2009



IMPORTANT DATES

August

10-24 Trip to Okanagan

11 Kevin's Birthday

13 Kaisa's Birthday

16 Speaking at Kaleden Church

19 Open House at Disser's 7 pm

27 Back to School

31 Kevin & Michele's Anniversary

September

8-10 New interns arrive

25 Kevin & Michele leave for El Salvador

October

4 Kevin & Michele return to Canada

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For safe travels
- For good connections with family, friends and supporters while we're in the Okanagan
- For the El Salvador trip, that details would come together and that the team would be a blessing for the ministry
- For the logistics of childcare while we're away
- For the extra funding Michele needs for this trip
- For a smooth transition into fall schedules at the end of the summer

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