

THE VIEWPOINT

A quarterly news update from the Campbell family in Ecuador

Comings and Goings: AME Departs and Kendall Arrives

It's amazing how quickly a year passes! At the end of January, we said goodbye to our second team of interns from AME Brazil (Aventureiros em Missões Evangelisticas). Abby, Ester, and Ana were with us for an entire year for their mission field experience. From the normal rhythms of the After School Program and weekend groups to the craziness of the summer months with U.S. mission teams and camps for weeks on end, they had a taste of it all! But the time did eventually come for them to return to Brazil. They were sent off with love, thanks, and some tears from the Camp Bellevue staff, the kids they had worked with all year, and the Tabacundo church. As we reflect on the experience of hosting these teams for an entire year (which is not without its challenges), we recognize the honor that it is to play a small part in the journey of these young people, both their individual spiritual formation and their preparation for future ministry in God's Kingdom. Training the next generation of missionaries is a responsibility we don't take lightly.

Less than a month after we said goodbye to the AMEers, we welcomed Kendall Fike to the Camp Bellevue family. Actually, Kendall has already been a part of this family for many years, coming down for a week in the summers to help us with basketball camp. But in February, she took the huge step of actually moving to Ecuador to live and work with us full-time at the camp for the next few years! We are thankful that she is finally here after so many months of planning and fundraising. Kendall is currently living on campus, studying Spanish, and acclimating to life and ministry here, including taking care of all the "fun" paperwork that must be completed by new residents of Ecuador! Please keep her adjustment in your prayers.



"Vayan con Dios," Ana, Ester, and Abby!

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Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

Psalm 20:7

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- **PRAISE** for Kendall's arrival (see p. 1).
- **PRAISE** for Alex's acceptance to Harding University (see right).
- **PRAY** for the children, youth, and families we serve.
- **PRAY** for health and safety for our family as we prepare for Home Ministry Assignment in the U.S. this fall.
- **PRAY** for Ecuador's government and leaders and for peace and stability here.
- **PRAY** for the camp's financial situation and that God will continue to provide funding for our needs.
- **PRAY** for our co-laborers in this ministry: Guillermo, Syndi, Seyber, and Kendall.
- **PRAY** for our employees and their families.
- **PRAY** for Alex as he prepares to head off to college this fall, and for our family as we adjust to daily life without him.
- **PRAY** for our upcoming summer groups and camps.
- **PRAY** for the Tabacundo Church of Christ, for growth and the raising up of leaders.

Follow The Campbell Family in Ecuador on Facebook for monthly prayer requests and updates.

Change is Coming: Family Updates and a Special Announcement

After the busy fall we had last year at the camp, we were grateful to have a few months without any overnight groups in the first part of 2025. But although things were a little slow at the camp, they were very busy for our family! It seems there is always something going on these days, especially with teenagers who

(all of a sudden) have thriving social lives. The kids had completed one school year just before Christmas, so in mid-January we rolled right into the next one. Alex has decided to graduate high school this year and so was doing his senior year at a very accelerated pace in order to finish his coursework by the end of June. And in addition, he was making plans for college and studying for the ACT. On top of all this, there were birthdays to celebrate; Elizabeth had a friend visit from the States for a week; and the boys went on their annual retreat with the homeschool teen group. This year, they went to a retreat center on the coast of Ecuador, and as Rusty was one of the speakers for the event, Elizabeth and I took the opportunity to spend a few days at the beach as well!

We are proud to announce that Alex will be attending Harding University starting this fall. He received his official acceptance letter at the end of April and has been offered a very generous scholarship package. Please keep him (and us) in your prayers as he launches out on his own. Major changes are on the horizon for both him and for us as a family.

We appreciate your prayers for us, our children, and the ministry at Camp Bellevue and beyond. See the sidebar at left for specific ways to pray for us. We thank God for each of you and for your prayers and support that sustain and encourage us on this journey!



Last "first-day-of-school" picture with all four kids!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR OE SUMMIT, 2025!

We hope to see you there.

Contributions to our family or ministry may be sent to: *Bellevue Church of Christ, 1212 104th Ave. SE, Bellevue WA 98004*. Make checks payable to the church and earmark "Camp Bellevue" (for the camp general fund) or "Campbell Family" (for our personal support).

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



**OE SUMMIT
2025**



This year's summit will be held for the first time at Alameda Church of Christ, home of famous Medical Missionaries Blues, Knights, and Greg Vaughn. They would appreciate an **RSVP, ASAP, to BR4U (Be Ready For You)**:

Alana Knight, alasteve95@gmail.com

This annual gathering is always such an uplifting time to **connect, get inspired, and celebrate what God is doing through Operation Ecuador.**

We can't wait to see y'all in Norman Oklahoma!

**Save the Date:
Oct 17-18, 2025**

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