

Harding University & Camp Bellevue:

A Fruitful Partnership for Five Years and Counting

In 2022, Harding University began sending a Global Outreach (GO) mission team to Camp Bellevue every year. These teams come for 3 weeks at a time in the early summer. Each team is unique and holds a special place in our hearts. This year, we welcomed our 5th GO team.

The students spent their first week at the camp, doing camp improvement projects in the mornings and putting on a VBS for the After School Program in the afternoons. They were joined in these efforts by a team from the UT Chattanooga Christian Student Center, who overlapped with them by 4 days. Harding students also accompanied the After School Program on their end-of-the-year field trip to the Quito zoo.

For their second week, the Harding team traveled down to Riobamba and worked with the Puculpala Church of Christ. They helped the church do some painting and general clean-up around their facility and repeated the VBS for the children in the church and the surrounding neighborhood.

During the Harding team's third and final week with us, we planned a combination medical-dental mission. The students served as translators, runners, and helpers in various capacities. We invited other medical and dental professionals from both the U.S. and Ecuador to join us for the week. A great team came together, allowing us to offer clinics for 6 days and see a total of 429 patients in 3 different locations!

The GO teams are a great blessing to both the camp and our family. We so enjoy hosting these students and getting to know them during their time in Ecuador. And we look forward to continuing our partnership with Harding University into the future as we work together to help train up the next generation of missionaries.



Harding Global Outreach summer mission team in Riobamba

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Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. (1 Chronicles 16:8)

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- ***PRAISE*** for our partnership with Harding University and especially for this year's Global Outreach team and all the ways they served the camp and the community (see p.1).
- ***PRAISE*** for all those who were helped through the medical mission in June (see p. 1).
- ***PRAISE*** for the ways the summer interns blessed the camp and the church (see below).
- ***PRAY*** for the Marcum family absence (see right).
- ***PRAY*** for the children and youth the camp serves in the After School Program.
- ***PRAY*** for Ecuador's government and leaders and for peace to prevail.
- ***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 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.

A Tough and Tearful Goodbye:

The Marcum Family Repatriates

When you move overseas as career missionaries, one of the things you prepare yourself to give up is living in close proximity to extended family. So ending up in the same country as my sister and her family for the past decade and a half has been a serendipity and an indescribable gift.



The Campbell & Marcum families (minus Alex) in June, 2026

We've raised our kids together, vacationed together, celebrated holidays and birthdays together, gone camping and hiking together, played board games together, weathered a pandemic together. We've kept each other's kids for anniversary getaways and taken turns hosting "cousin camp." Our kids have attended each others' birthday parties, drama productions, sporting events, and graduation ceremonies. Eight cousins (who honestly sometimes behaved more like siblings) became five as the oldest three went off to college, one after the other.

We've worshipped together, done ministry together, and gone to Connections renewals in Brazil together. We've been sounding boards for each other, encouraged each other, and commiserated together when things didn't go the way we hoped they would. The Marcum family has been a constant in our lives ever since we arrived in Ecuador in 2012. But nothing lasts forever, and they returned to the U.S. at the end of June to start a new chapter in Searcy, Arkansas. We've said many tough goodbyes over the years, but none compares to this one! Their departure was a big loss for all of us.

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!

SUMMER INTERNS AT CAMP BELLEVUE

Almost every summer, we host at least one summer intern at Camp Bellevue. They come from a variety of places and stay from 1 to 3 months, serving the camp in various ways. This year, we had a total of 6 summer interns — 3 from Harding University, 2 from the EQEB in Quito, and 1 recently-graduated high school senior, the son of friends and personal supporters. All were a great blessing to both the camp and the Tabacundo Church of Christ during their time with us — assisting with camps and other summer programming, teaching English and Bible classes, and helping in the kitchen, among other duties.



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!