

**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- **The Horsts were robbed in Ecuador**
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## The Horsts press on

Janet Horst came out of her bedroom to see a strange man standing by her kitchen table. Alone in the house with her two youngest boys, she let out an ear-piercing scream.

The thief turned and ran, making off with a laptop and camera.

This was a recent challenge for Elevation mission partners Dale and Janet Horst, in Playas, Ecuador. They moved there almost five years ago from Waterloo with their four boys.

"The hardest thing was the transition to a different language and culture," says Dale. But today, it feels like home.

They have a busy life. Janet home schools the boys, Burke (13), Alanson (10), Denzil (9), and Selwyn (6). They work closely with Nikki Horne, another mem-

ber of our church, in the river community of Onzole. Recently a team from Canada built a wood-working shop there, and in May



the whole family will go there with a medical team. Dale is also working on starting a micro-finance program. In Playas, they

live only 2 kms from the camp they helped build shortly after they arrived, which hosts programs for children from Bastion, a squatter community in Guayaquil.

But core to what they do is sharing their lives with people. They host many people in their ocean-side home every week, whether for supper, a weekend spiritual retreat for young adults, a camp board meeting, a beach vacation for a family, or sharing their trampoline with neighbourhood kids.

"In all these efforts, we pray that we are sharing the love of God, inviting people to deepen their walk with God, or perhaps embark on a faith walk for the first time," says Dale.

## About GMC

GMC stands for Global Ministries Committee. Our GMC has a mandate to help the people of The Embassy and Elevation connect to our mission in the world, and to help those who serve abroad connect to us.

Meet our mission partners around the world, go on a short-term mission, or participate in an internship program.

At present we have chosen to

aim our efforts in four specific locations: Bolivia, Ecuador, Tanzania, and the Philippines. We refer to these as our "focus partners." In truth, though, our sincere commitment requires us to be all that we can be to each and every person who goes out from our context to serve.

For more information about short-term mission bursaries, the intern program, or about each of

our world partners, please see the display at the back on a Sunday morning or read this bulletin.

If you have an interest in becoming more involved in our worldwide commitment, we are keen to talk with you, as we are seeking involvement from people who have various strengths and can contribute in a variety of ways.

- Jeremy Horne, Chair, GMC



# Mission Partner Updates



**Congratulations to Brett and Grace Ostrander, married March 13, 2010**

*Did you know? Hlinsko, Czech Republic, is a small town of 10,000 people, about the size of Elmira. There are two churches: a Roman Catholic church and an Evangelical church. Only 40 people attend the evangelical church.*



**Ryan, on the far right, with a Czech friend.**

**Dale & Janet Horst—Playas, Ecuador**

Lifeline champions— Marge & Kevin Martin

**Nikki Horne—Guayaquil, Ecuador**

Lifeline champion - Shawna Macdonald  
Nikki is gearing up for a new school term and the upcoming visit of a medical team in May.

**Nadine Feser—Tanzania, Africa**

Lifeline champion – Michelle Farquharson  
Nadine is finishing the film *Nipe Jibu* soon.

**Brett Ostrander—The Philippines**

Lifeline champions – Karl & Mary Gingerich  
Brett has been working with youth in the Philippines. He and his new bride will soon visit us!

**Tyson & Carolina Malo—Cochabamba, Bolivia**

Lifeline champion – Mel Martin  
Elevation has deepened our partnership with Tyson and he is coming to visit in June.

**Rob & Jenn McArthur**

They are re-established in Canada and are no longer financially supported by Elevation. Their long-term goal is to return to India.

**Terry & Brenda Martin—Niverville, Manitoba**

Lifeline champions—Pending  
Terry is busy organizing the annual national conference in Winnipeg while working to take leadership of a Christian Native counselling centre in Thunder Bay.

**Trevor Gingerich—Humber College church plant**

"I've got a long way to go to fund the ministry at Humber, so fundraising is the big need right now."

**Craig & Leilani Bauman (International Teams Canada)**

Craig continues to find great satisfaction in the variety of joys and challenges that come with overseeing the International Teams office staff.

**Karl & Mary Gingerich (International Teams Canada)**

"My challenge this year is to implement a computer system for organizing and tracking team and donor info. Pray for wisdom to know what my users need!"

**Gord & Sharon Skopnik (International Teams Canada)**

"The Impact Sudan Program is growing fast; faster than the funds are coming in. Our current challenge is to finish the construction of a school we started to build in 2009; we are seeking \$19,000."

## Lifeline Teams

**What is a Lifeline Team?**

A Lifeline Team is a group of people from Elevation who serve as the primary point of communication with our mission partners. Teams will seek to discover ways to be supportive and life-giving, while keeping The Embassy and Elevation current with news.

**What does a Lifeline Team do?**

A Lifeline Team communicates with the mission partner, prays for him or her, lets other people know how they are doing, and arranges other help as necessary. For example, you can mail a package or let people know about an urgent prayer need. A champion leads this team.

**How can I be involved?**

With this team, you can give love and support to people serving God in another country, without leaving home. You can build a relationship with them, so that when they come home, they will step into a network of relationships. For more information, email

[globalministries@elevateyourlife.org](mailto:globalministries@elevateyourlife.org)

## Playing hockey for God?

When Ryan Schmidtke pushes his hockey stick on the ice in Hlinsko, Czech Republic, the goal he wants to see is people giving their lives to Jesus.

Ryan travelled there Feb 6-16 with the help of a small bursary from our GMC. Besides 4 exhibition games, his team also spent time at local orphanages and schools.

The Czech people are proud of their atheism. Mention church, and they won't bother. Set up a hockey game with some visiting Canadians, and they'll all be there. During intermissions, players share their testimonies and invite people to a church event.

This year, only 5 players and their wives came to the church event., but it was a huge boost for the small, forty-member

evangelical church.

Ryan knows his Czech friends are sceptical, and watch him closely. "They need to know that my faith is real, that it has an impact on my life," says Ryan. That's why he's returned for the fourth year and plans to go again next year. Between trips, he keeps contact through Facebook.

And he hopes that over time, his friends will come to know Jesus.