

## Mission Partner Updates

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

Lifeline champions— Marge & Kevin Martin  
“We just said goodbye to our family who was visiting. There is good companionship in the women’s Bible study with Janet. Dale is going often to Onzole, currently building doors at the woodworking shop. Folks are investing well in their micro-finance loans.”

**Nikki Horne**—Guayaquil, Ecuador

Lifeline champion - Shawna Macdonald  
“The school year in Bastion is well underway; I finished helping our 220 students writing letters to their Canadian sponsors. I’ve been spending lots of time in Onzole building relationships; I need wisdom to know what my future role in Onzole should look like.”

**Nadine Feser**—Tanzania, Africa

Lifeline champion – Michelle Farquharson  
The film *Nipe Jibu* had 2 showings at the Zanzibar International Film Festival, and while it had no wins, they are enjoying the reaction it is receiving. Continue to pray for Nadine’s recovery: the physical therapy is painful and she’d like to avoid surgery for her knee.

**Trevor & Rebecca Gingerich**—Humber College church

“We’re already gearing up for another fantastic semester of ministry at Humber College! Pray with us as we plan and prepare for the fall, and also for the financial/fundraising challenges we’re currently facing. Thanks again for your support!”

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

Lifeline champion – Mel Martin  
Things here in Bolivia are moving along! After Tyson’s whirlwind US/Canada trip in June and some busy winter vacations, we find ourselves looking for a new and bigger house for *Pedacito de Cielo* and welcoming new kids in the *Ninos Con Valor* family.

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

Lifeline champions—Pending  
The Martins will celebrate the marriage of their son Josiah on Aug 8. Following, Terry will take a much needed holiday for rest and rejuvenation. *Rising Above* is entering a team in the Waterloo *Ride for Refuge*. Team members are wanted—contact Terry.

**Brett & Grace Ostrander**—The Philippines

Lifeline champions – Karl & Mary Gingerich  
Grace and I are doing well. I am adjusting to my new role, helping develop other ministries within International Teams Philippines. This is exciting but a big and challenging job. Grace continues to work with mothers and help with the church’s worship ministry.

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

This month, Craig and Leilani helped run a week-long kids’ camp with one of their sending churches in Parkhill, Ont. This is the primary way new families come to Christ in this small town. 200 kids and volunteers get connected and experience the gospel in everything from drama to sports to silly beards.

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

“Summertime seems to bring upheaval for my schedule. There are various conferences, trips, visits and holidays. These bring opportunity for serving and to be ministered to. I’ll be missing many Sundays, and my church family.”

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

I am back from Sudan. The needs there are overwhelming, and we are looking for workers from Canada. The school needing \$18,500 is still not finished. Last year, 167 pastors were trained and this year 186 churches were planted. We held the grand opening for a 3,000-seat conference hall and over 7,000 people came.

## Remote jungle clinics

This May, Mary Horne, a public health nurse and part of our Elevation community, travelled to the remote river community of Onzole in Ecuador, where Dale and Janet Horst and Nikki Horne have been working with community leaders to reach their development goals.

The villages of Onzole are a long journey away from Quito, Ecuador: 8 hours by bus over the Andes Mountain, and then a three-hour ride in a motorized canoe. For this reason, most villagers simply let diseases run their course.

“This was the first medical trip,” says Mary. “You go to see what the issues are, deal with whatever infections are there, and then build on that when we return.” The team – a doctor, several nurses, a dental hygienist, and translators – saw 527 people. They created medical records for each person, which were left in the village for subsequent visits, did general health assessments, and treated infections and diseases.

Conditions were better than the team expected, but education is still needed to address nutritional and dental

needs. The team ran several educational seminars, which were very well received.

They worked alongside village leaders, who had invited them to come. “We don’t go in there like Father Christmas, handing out this and handing out that,” says Mary.

For Mary, the highlights were working with her daughter Nikki and participating with God in His work. “Doing the medical thing is my world, and I love doing it wherever I can. God has a work going, and I just love to join it.”

—Jeanette Duncan

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Summer school mission trip
- We all need a little help
- Updates from our Mission Partners
- Ecuador medical clinics

# The Global Update

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## Summer school mission trip

Kat Froese describes a summer morning in North-western Ontario: “Maybe it’s an older-person thing, but I love waking up earlier than everyone else. I make french-press coffee, sit on the couch by the window, and stare out at the trees, sky, rocks, and river. It’s my favourite time to pray, read and listen. Like right now: the thunder is rolling lightly, I’m listening to the rain fall and the wind blow.”

While Kat could be describing a typically Canadian holiday at a cottage, that’s not why she’s in northern Ontario this summer. Instead, Kat has traveled to White Dog, Ontario to work alongside one of Canada’s First Nations’ communities.

Kat, who has been very involved with Embassy and Elevation’s community, now

lives and works in Ottawa as a teacher. In the last few years Kat’s awareness of social issues in Canada’s Aboriginal communities has grown, as well as her



**Kat Froese with a bear. Don’t worry, the bear’s not real!**

conviction to be part of the “restoration and reconciliation” of injustice. So rather than taking a summer break, she is spending her time

working with Agidasin Initiatives, a Christian community development organization that serves First Nations people in northwestern Ontario through locally-based programs that support and encourage healthy youth, families and communities.

Kat is working through a program called READ, which uses literacy coaching and mentorship to reach youth. Kat has witnessed “how illiteracy can be a barrier to a person’s self-esteem and growth” and is grateful to be a part of opening new “windows of opportunity.” Kat describes sitting on the porch and making hemp necklaces, painting nails and drawing portraits with the youth, and it is these small gestures of community that speak loudest.

You can follow Kat’s summer on [katdunord.blogspot.com](http://katdunord.blogspot.com).

—Maria Elyse Vermeer

## We all need a little help

We all need a little help... the Global Ministries Committee needs your help!

A mentor of mine once said, “One of the most important disciplines is to develop the knowledge that the years of our lives are years on a mission.” So... every one of us is on a mission. Those people who have gone from Elevation to represent us around the globe are really doing what all of us need to be doing.

Many of us fulfill our mission as we move in and out of our Elevation/Embassy communities. We need each other. The Global Ministries Committee is aware of this and is committed to being community to those in far off places.

We have taken it upon ourselves to provide as much practical help and friendship as we are able to these valued members of our community as we can. Would you consider joining us in this vital task?

**Along** with your family or small group, establish a regular dialogue with one of our mission partners, and then represent their concerns and hopes to our community.

**Serve** on our Global team. We have some important roles vacant.

**Help** create events to profile our partners and the many opportunities for involvement.

**Assist** in the production of this regular newsletter or compose things for the website.

—Jeremy Horne, Chair, GMC

Oct 2:

Ride for Refuge

Join an Elevation team and 7,000 others participating in the 7th annual Ride for Refuge. Help the displaced, the vulnerable, and the exploited.

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