

# TREVOR DICK

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## Musician Trip to Quito a “God thing”

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GUELPH - The trip to Ecuador was “definitely a God thing.”

Guelph musician and teacher Trevor Dick, explains how he and his band, 5th String Blvd., came to spend 10 days in the South American country just before Christmas, 2004.

“I got an e-mail from one of the missionaries with HCJB (Christian) radio,” he says. “he had one of my CD’s and wanted to know if I’d come down.”

Having had ongoing computer problems, Dick adds that the fact he was able to receive that e-mail was just the first of many signs that this trip was God-ordained. Another indication, he notes, lay in how quickly the funding came for it. Soon, it wasn’t just Dick, who plays the electric violin, but his band mates as well who headed to Quito, Ecuador.



*Guelph violinist Trevor Dick and the 5th String Blvd. band ended up playing in a garbage dump during their trip to Ecuador.*

Dick says they saw God at work again when the fog lifted at the airport just long enough for Dick's fellow musicians to land. then, on a trip through the mountains, their van broke down. This was bad, right? Not at all, says Dick. It forced them to turn around and get a 4x4 truck. they ended up driving in torrential rains on roads so muddy only that kind of vehicle could get through.

The group performed in numerous places including shopping malls, radio stations, a high school and a garbage dump. the latter left Dick overwhelmed.

"People make their homes there out of things others have thrown away," he says, adding that seeing how they lived caused him to feel helpless.

Dick says a the child of missionaries, he always felt a heart for those in the mission field, but this experience has deepened his respect for them even more. As to the trip's effect on his music, Dick notes, "I'll probably be writing a song called 'Quito.'"

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*Guelph violinist Trevor Dick and the 5th String Blvd. band in concert in Quito, Ecuador during the "Quito Day" celebrations*