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Dear Praying Friends & Family,

It's a new year, and God is still at work in Colombia and around the world! Aren't you glad that our God was not surprised by the pandemic and other events of the past year?

NEW BAPTISMS & CHURCH GROWTH

Our most recent church, Ágape Baptist Church, has continued to grow since its inception in November. We have seen new people attend weekly, and many are finally understanding the Gospel for the first time. Even last week, we were able to baptize three men who recently believed in Christ for salvation. We have around 30 adults attending a new members class this month, preparing to join us as we officially organize as a church in March. I am thrilled at how the Lord is building his church, and he is allowing us to have a small part. Thank you, again, to those who have prayed for and given specifically to this new work.



This new church would not have been started, were it not for COVID!



Jersson is one of several men who were recently baptized.

FAITHFUL MEN TRAINING MEN

Years ago, before we started the first church in Colombia, I asked God to give me one or two men to train for the ministry. Over these past seven years, he has called many more than I even asked for, and they have been faithful men. Our first churches are now running fully autonomously, and their leaders are even planning on how they can reach new areas with the Gospel. New Bible studies are being started, many times without our direct involvement. Some of the first generation of men we saw saved and trained are meeting with and training a new generation of preachers, who, in turn, will reach others. This multiplication process has been the goal since the beginning. I think only eternity will tell the total reach of this ministry. It is incredible to see and be able to participate in this work. Let us continue to be faithful in the process, and God will bring the fruit.



It's exciting to get photos like these, another adult Bible study being led by the men we trained.

SETBACK IN THE ADOPTED CHURCH

I mentioned in our last letter that we would be assuming leadership of a small nearby congregation. Right after we sent out that update, it seems that everything fell through, at least for now. The meeting place, the logistics, and even the people's will seemed to all fall apart. It may have been because of the Christmas season, but we will see. Pray that God gives us wisdom in how, or if, we should proceed.



The "Santisimo" is a large statue of Jesus that overlooks our city. We look forward to the day Colombia can know the real Jesus!

FAMILY NEWS

It appears that Aubrie and a couple of the girls contracted COVID at some point in January. Thankfully, their symptoms were mild, and they have fully recovered. Since late last year, my health has been a big concern, as I have had five random abdominal attacks. The doctors haven't figured out the issue yet, so we appreciate your prayers. We also are happy to inform you that we could take from our personal savings over the last 11 years and purchase a home debt-free in February. This is a huge answer to prayer! The whole ordeal was clearly a work of God. The house is quaint and may need a little work, but the location, price, and timing were perfect. Pray as we try to get the necessary repairs done and move during the next couple of months.



The kids all pitched in to make over 100 sandwiches to distribute to the homeless on Christmas Eve.

Thank you once again for your prayers and support. Let us be faithful until Jesus comes.

In Him, By Him, For Him,
Aaron, Aubrie, Amira, Anabel, Aris & Alethea Vance



Aubrie is an amazing wife and mom. We celebrated her birthday in February.



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