

[God is still working, even in the middle of COVID19! – March 2020 Prayer Letter](#)

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Dear praying friends and family,

Many of you will agree that this year has already proven to be one of the most unique and challenging we have faced. But Christ is still faithful! Join us as we review God's great work here in Colombia, and we look forward to the days ahead.

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## Church Growth

During the last two months, we experienced a surge of new converts and attenders in our churches. We rejoice in seeing several baptized, 21 adults in our most recent new members class, dozens now in discipleship, and 12 additional students in our Bible Institute. All three of our churches have grown, and we praise the Lord for how he is building his church.

## Evangelistic Events

In February, we held evangelistic events for area children. We were able to reach over 150 kids through the local ministries of each of our three churches! Additionally, we took a team of 5 people to the remote village of Bocas Del Rosario. To get there, we drove 4 hours to a river port city, then took a small motorboat up the river for 3 hours. Over that weekend, we held Bible-Club style classes for 100 children, as well as an evening service for 80 adults (nearly everyone in the entire village!). The team plans to return each month, and the locals are asking us to start a church soon. Pray for wisdom in this new opportunity. We praise the Lord for dozens of professions of faith during each event.

## Television and Media Outreach

In March, we hosted a team from Christian Media International. They have been raising funds to help us improve our media outreach and to get on local and national television. We're very excited about this new door that is opening up to get the Gospel message to millions of Colombians who have yet to hear. They finished up their quick visit and brought us a couple

of cameras to get started just before the outbreak of the Coronavirus. We must now go to digital services. God's timing is impeccable!

## **COVID-19 In Colombia**

Yes, we're feeling the effects of this worldwide pandemic. Since mid-March, our city and country have been on total lock-down. All schools and most businesses are closed. Nobody can leave their houses except to get groceries and medicine, and all public meetings are banned, including churches. Police and military check every person that is out to see if they have a permit or a valid reason to leave their home, heavily fining those who violate the lock-down. Everything changed quickly, and we have tried to adapt. Our main church has gone entirely online, for now, using Facebook and YouTube to hold our services, as well as doing daily Bible studies. We have stayed connected to most of our people, and have even reached new people during this time. Our second and third churches have suffered more, as they are in more vulnerable areas, and not everyone has a reliable Internet connection or a device to watch services. The people, like many around the world, are hurting financially. Most aren't able to work and were already living day-to-day. We have tried to deliver essential food supplies to those who need it most. It has been a great chance to minister even more and fulfill 1 John 3:16-18. Pray for us as we try to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Any additional support during this time will allow us to provide for more families.

## **Our Living Hope**

There are many uncertainties and changes in our world today. Historically, that is when Christianity flourishes the most! When the pressure is applied, what's on the inside comes out. As Christians, we have a living hope. We ought not to find our joy and identity in present circumstances, in health, in investment accounts, in job stability, or even in ministry itself. Our hope is in Christ, and HE never changes. We trust him to provide for us. We also pray for you as you go through much of the same there in the United States. We love you, and thank you for your faithfulness. Let us know how we can pray for you!

For Such A Time As This,

Aaron, Aubrie, Amira, Anabel, Aris & Alethea Vance

Enjoy some recent pictures from the ministry...

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We had our very first Valentine's banquet with 100 people present!

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We recognized over 50 ladies for International Women's Day, which became our last "normal" service.

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Some children from the river village. Thank God for this open door!



Thanks to CMI, we are able to broadcast the Gospel online and soon on Television!



Facemasks, closed businesses, and military presence is now our new “normal.”

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Come see how God is blessing a new ministry in one of the world's ripest mission fields. You will see first-hand how lives are being changed. You will get involved in sharing the Gospel, training the believers, and blessing the community. You will be challenged to dream big for the cause of world evangelism.

Contact to arrange a group/individual trip or long-term internship.

\*More information [here](#)\*

\*\*If you are interested in a longer-term internship or bringing a church group, you will find information at the above link as well. We look forward to having you!



## Ministry Preparation

As a missionary, one of the most invaluable things in my life is the training and mentorship I received through the [Our Generation Training Center](#). Men of God invested in my life, and at the end of the training I didn't just receive a degree -- I gained a family and became part of a team that still helps me today.

If you are considering being a missionary or church planter, I strongly suggest you consider the OGTC. Talk to your pastor to see if he thinks this may be a good fit for you, then contact us if you have any questions or if we can help you take the next step.



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