

# The VANCE FAMILY

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# YOUR MISSIONARIES IN COLOMBIA



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Dear Praying Friends & Family,

Grace and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Isn't that a beautiful thought? We have found both favor with God (grace) and have been reconciled to God (peace) through Jesus. It makes Christmas time even that more special to know what Christ has done for us. We wish you a Merry Christmas from Colombia! Read on to rejoice with us in the great work God is doing here.

## SURPRISE CHURCH PLANT

We have made mention in previous letters about the possibility of several church plants that are already in the works around our area. One of these was in the Girardot (hee-dar-DOHT) neighborhood, where a couple in our church runs a children's foundation. In November, we went ahead and started a few months ahead of schedule. God has blessed already! One of our preachers, Libardo, along with his wife Laura and daughter Valeria, is leading this new church. The foundation has graciously loaned us their facilities free of charge, but we are going to need to find a new place soon, as it is full each week! Please pray for us in the days ahead as we help this new church get off the ground. If you'd like to donate toward setup costs, send a check to Macedonia (or give online) and mark the gift "A Vance - Church plant."

## SPECIAL VISITS

In November, our pastor, Charles Blackstock, and his wife, Debbie, came for a quick visit. What a refreshing time it was! We put him to work, preaching in all of our churches, and encouraging our leaders. Their stay was also a blessing to us as a family. They gave us wise counsel and comforted our hearts in the loss of our son a couple of months ago.

In December, we enjoyed the company of Aubrie's mom and aunt, Juanita and Chris. We had a great time with them, though their visit did not go quite as planned. Our vehicle had trouble, and most of the family was sick while they were here, but it all worked out, and we even got to celebrate Christmas with them. We thank God that our families are so supportive of us being missionaries.

## FAMILY FUNNIES

I recently went on a daddy-daughter date with Anabel, our 7-year-old. At the end of the evening, she looked up at me with her big blue eyes and said, "Dad, you're the second-best dad I've ever had! Of course, #1 has to be God, but you're pretty great too."

## BLESSINGS & A NEW OPPORTUNITY

There are so many opportunities that have been opening up to get the Gospel out like never before. People are being reached. Leaders are being trained. New churches are being opened. God continues to pour out his blessing on it all. We don't understand why he has been so gracious to us, but we are grateful. As long as he goes with us, we aren't stopping anytime soon. We have another door that seems to be opening up to be on television all around Colombia. Also, we're looking at a much larger building for our main church. More on these in our next update letter!

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS

This year has been extremely challenging, but also full of blessing. We saw God do things beyond our dreams, and we felt stretched beyond our strength. We honestly couldn't do what we do without your faithful prayers and financial support. God has used you to help us see many people reached with the Gospel. You may never meet these people face to face on this earth. But imagine that day in Glory when we're all gathered around the throne of God. The redeemed from every nation, giving praise to the one who gave us grace and made peace. What a day that will be.

Thank you for your love and support. Let us know how we can be praying for you!

For the Cause of Christ,  
Aaron, Aubrie, Amira, Anabel, Aris & Alethea Vance

## PRAYER REQUESTS AND NEEDS

- For our three churches and their leaders (in San Alonso, Café Madrid & Girardot)
- For the Lebrija church plant, and funds to help them get started
- For the Real de Minas church plant (more on this soon!)
- For the many other pastors and leaders whom we are training
- For our monthly financial support to increase as the ministry grows



Our children's ministry put together a wonderful Christmas program!



Libardo leading our new church in the Girardot Neighborhood



I enjoyed interpreting for my pastor in 3 of our churches during his visit.



We are thankful that "Mamaw" & "Aunt Cat" came to visit us.



I was able to teach the Bible to kids & teens at a local camp.