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YOUR MISSIONARIES IN COLOMBIA

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Dear Praying Friends & Family,

We've wrapped up 2016, and what a year it has been! God has continued to pour out his blessings on our family and the ministry he has given us in Colombia. Sometimes I look around and wonder why God would be so good to us, then I remember that it's because he's just a good God! Looking back on the achievements and milestones of this year, we rejoice primarily that our names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life, and that we are known and loved by an awesome God. That is the greatest blessing of all!

YEAR IN REVIEW...

During 2016 we saw many place their faith in Christ for salvation, 36 believers were baptized, 52 completed our discipleship program, and 15 men are training for ministry in our institute. Our attendance average for the year was around 120 in our main work in addition to another 150 in our mission work which meets in a local park. Through your prayers and financial support, lives are being eternally impacted for the glory of God! We couldn't be here without you holding the ropes for us. Thank you for your faithfulness!!

Also during 2016, I went to Chile in July to preach a youth congress and to Peru in November to preach a pastors' congress in Cuzco and teach in a Bible College in Arequipa. These opportunities were tremendous blessings, both to be able to share God's Word and encourage God's people, and to see ministries that are farther along and to be challenged to continue to dream big for the Lord. William Carrey said, "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God!" The need is great throughout the world, and the fields are white unto harvest, especially in Latin America, but we need more laborers!

THE YEAR AHEAD...

During 2017, we are taking many large steps as a family and ministry, not the least of which is to add more classes (and people!) to the Bible Institute in February. Training faithful men is at the heart of our ministry, especially with our furlough approaching at the end of the year. I'm so excited to see the fire and passion these men have for Christ and his Gospel. Pray with me that we can get them ready for the life of ministry God has planned for each of them.

Also, we have taken a step of faith to move forward with getting our second church off the ground. Please pray in the days ahead as we will be looking for a building to rent, purchasing chairs, literature and basic sound equipment for this brand new work. The people of our main church, as well as the core group we have already built in the new neighborhood, are all excited about giving birth to this daughter church. Pray also for the establishment of its leaders. One of the men who is training in our institute will be pastoring this new flock, and several of our key families will be sent out to serve, evangelize, disciple and prepare future leaders. If you would like to donate toward this project, you can send a check to Macedonia (address on the left) and mark it "Aaron Vance - Special Project" or give online at www.BeMagnified.Org. We thank Community Baptist in NC for the generous donation they have already made. We still need about \$2,500 to set up a place to meet for this brand new church. Pray!

FROM THE MOUTH OF BABES...

During our family devotions recently, Anabel, our 4-year-old, prayed that our dog would get saved (he's been bad lately). ☺ It gets better... The devotion had to do with the fact that with God, nothing is impossible! Oh, to have the faith of a child!

Once again, thank you for your prayers, your friendship and your support. As Paul expressed to the church at Philippi, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:" (Philippians 1:3-6)

In Christ,

Aaron & Aubrie Vance (with Amira, Anabel & Aris!)



Our little family after the Christmas event for the children of our mission work. We had 250!



Our main church is packed out, but the greatest joy is to see people stepping up for ministry!



I was invited to teach these pastors in Peru, then another 50 seminary students the following week!



My wife meeting with some of the church ladies. It's amazing to see how all are getting involved!



Aris is on a global mission...



Miguel & Mariangela Sanabria visited us during their survey trip to Colombia. They'd be a great couple to support! www.ReturnToColombia.org



Anabel (4), Amira (6), and Aris (1) They're growing too fast!