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YOUR MISSIONARIES IN COLOMBIA

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Dear Praying Friends & Family,

This month's update is all about new life. In the US, many of you are currently in the middle of Spring, however, here in Colombia the weather stays about the same all year long... (HOT!) We're talking about a different kind of new life! Read on to find out how God is being glorified through the ministry here in Bucaramanga, Colombia.

A NEW DAUGHTER CHURCH IS BORN

In March we were able to start a brand new church out of our main work, which is just under 3 years old itself! We had been sowing seeds of the Gospel in this community, called Café Madrid, for some time now, and Christ is doing amazing things. We have several leaders who have been trained, as well as up-and-coming pastors who have been studying ministry with me and who are leading in almost every aspect of this new church. They are preaching, teaching, leading singing, discipling new believers and organizing events and services. It's amazing to see the Lord working through these men and women, as well as the great response in the community. We've had between 50-70 for each service, and are in need of a more permanent facility. Currently we meet in a community center. Please pray for this work in the days ahead!

NEW BELIEVERS BORN INTO THE FAMILY

As result of the work in the daughter church, as well as our main church, people are coming to an understanding and faith in the Gospel. It is a beautiful thing to see this new spiritual birth all around us. Some have come from religious backgrounds, but without having ever understood who Jesus is or why he died on the cross, and others come from humanism and atheism and are coming to a realization that there is a God who is HOLY, JUST, but also merciful and mighty to save! It never gets old! Pray for these first-generation believers.

NEW LEADERS BORN AND GROWING

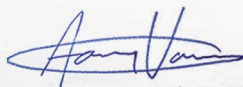
Our Bible institute has had tremendous growth this year. Training leaders is really the heart of our ministry. We know that without "teaching them to observe all things," we are not fulfilling the Great Commission! This is what Jesus, Paul and the other Apostles did throughout their lives. Because of this focus, the Gospel message has made its way around the world, through the ages, to us here today. Last year we had 12-15 men training for ministry, but now there are around 25 who are committed to serving the Lord, preaching the Gospel, and have given their lives to the ministry. We are going through organized theological and ministerial themes and studies, as well as life-on-life and hands-on practical teaching. The long-term success of our ministry really depends on these men and women. Continue to pray for them!

NEW LITTLE VANCE COMING SOON

Speaking of new life, Aubrie and I are pleased to announce that God is entrusting us with our 4th baby, due in November! Our three girls are excited and already convinced it's going to be another girl. If that's the case, there will already be plenty of hand-me-downs! Either way, we are so blessed, and we trust God to help us raise all of our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. We appreciate your prayers for our family, especially Aubrie, in the months ahead as we prepare for this new arrival.

Once again, thank you for your continued support of our family and ministry. There are amazing things happening here, but we know that it's only by, through, and because of God's grace. One last prayer request is for our first furlough, coming up during 2018. We are currently making plans for this trip back to the States, to give a report to our supporting churches and raise more support for the growing ministry here in Colombia. If you would like more info, just shoot me an email at aaronlvance@gmail.com or call me at 678-696-0082. I will give some more details in our next letter.

Our sincerest love and warmest greetings,



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Félix preaching to the adults on the first day of our new church in Café Madrid



Praying before the launch of the new church. All is in vain unless God works!



Juan preaching to the youth and singles. He was a lost attendee just 2 years ago!



Juan Pablo has recently gotten involved in training for the ministry. Here, he is giving his first mini-sermon at church.



Our girls' reaction when we told them that we're having another baby! They're each unique!



Passing down the big sister shirt to Aris.