

# The Vance Family

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# YOUR MISSIONARIES IN COLOMBIA



evangelizing *THE LOST* • establishing *LOCAL CHURCHES* • equipping *LEADERS*

Dear Praying Friends & Family,

The Gospel continues to advance in Colombia! God is working. We have seen new doors open during the last two months, even amidst unrest and uncertainty.

## ADVANCING DESPITE COVID

I know you're tired of hearing about COVID-19. We are too. Unfortunately, the cases have gone up lately here in Colombia. This has incited more curfews and restrictions. The midweek curfews start at 8:00 PM, and occasionally they will also decree a complete lockdown on the weekends. And yet, our churches continue to grow. We continue to see salvations, baptisms, and discipleship courses start. I am convinced that when pressure is applied to the church and the Gospel, it always grows. We might have to adapt, but we advance. We see this in the book of Acts. We have seen this during the pandemic. Pray for our churches during this time. Pray for those who have contracted the virus, as well as those who mourn the death of loved ones.

## ADVANCING TOGETHER

We held a combined men's retreat in March, with around 40 men from our different churches. The theme was "This Means War!" We saw some saved, and many were encouraged to take the next step in their walk with God. Many of these men have started to get involved in our training for ministry. Pray for these men and their families, as many are currently experiencing a spiritual attack.

## ADVANCING THROUGH MEDIA

In March, we hosted a team from Christian Media International. They have graciously helped us obtain video equipment and training to broadcast the Gospel on local and national television (Canal TRO). It appears we will have a weekly half-hour slot for only \$600 per month! This ministry outlet has been a part of our plan since the beginning, and it is encouraging to see it start to go forward. Pray as we get paperwork and initial recordings set up to sign the contract with the TV station in the coming days.

## ADVANCING AMIDST CONFLICT

At the end of April, all around Colombia, millions participated in a nationwide strike, protesting a proposal of the government for higher taxes. What started as peaceful has turned violent in recent days. Many cities have called in Martial Law. There are constant burnings of buildings, vandalism, theft, and confrontations between police and rioters. Some areas look more like war zones than the beautiful Colombia we know. As of the writing of this letter, 19 have died, and hundreds injured in these conflicts. Please pray for Colombia. Pray for its leaders and people. Pray that people may know the Gospel, the source of true peace.

## ADVANCING AS A FAMILY

Aubrie and I celebrated our 12th anniversary in April. I am amazed by the goodness of God to let us be one, to serve him, and to raise our four daughters together. On another note, my health has been a big concern lately. Though we are still awaiting a definite plan, it appears I have an obstruction in my intestines that has been causing the random abdominal attacks. This obstruction may be related to the surgery I had three years ago. I have adjusted my diet, which has helped, but the problem probably won't go away without another surgery. We appreciate your prayers in this trial. God's grace is sufficient.

Thank you again for your faithful prayers and financial support. We love you all and pray the Lord continues to bless you as you serve him wherever you are. Let us continue to advance!

*"We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you," -- Colossians 1:3*

For King Jesus,

Aaron & Aubrie Vance and family



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We were challenged and encouraged at our 2021 combined Men's Retreat.



Video and lighting training from Christian Media International



Thankfully, the marches and protests have been mostly peaceful. This was a block from our new church.



Our oldest daughter, Amira, had her 11th birthday in March



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