

# The Vance Family

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# YOUR MISSIONARIES IN COLOMBIA



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



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Dear Praying Friends & Family,

God continues to open abundant opportunities to serve him here in Colombia and beyond. This year has been packed with travel & teaching. We are deeply grateful for your prayers and support, which have been instrumental in our mission work.

## TRAINING AROUND THE WORLD

I was invited to travel to India and Nepal in January to train national pastors. Over one month, I preached and taught 41 times in 8 churches and 11 different pastors' and leaders' conferences. Over 2,000 people attended, with 800 of those being pastors. We were in many regions, each with its own dialect and culture. The travel was strenuous, and the schedule was demanding, but God blessed us in huge ways! The theme of these conferences was Gospel-Centered life and ministry.

March brought a new opportunity to preach and teach in the annual pastors and leaders conference at the Chile Baptist Seminary, hosted by veteran missionary Jason Holt. It was a blessing to share with the Chilean pastors about evangelism and discipleship and learn from the ministry experience of other faithful missionaries and pastors.

## GROWING CHURCHES IN COLOMBIA

We are thrilled with the spiritual and numerical growth of the churches God has allowed us to start in Colombia. We regularly witness new people getting saved, baptized, and joining the local churches, but it never gets old! The Gospel is changing lives! God has blessed our evangelism and discipleship efforts, and we're always looking for ways to continue to push forward. There is still much to do!

The men from our churches always look forward to gathering collectively in March for our annual men's retreat. We focused this year on living out the principles of the upside-down kingdom of God. Pastors Felix and Juan joined me in teaching, and the Lord worked in many hearts.

## NEW SEMESTER OF BIBLE INSTITUTE

We also started a new year of Bible and ministry training classes in March to prepare our churches' upcoming pastors and leaders. We praise God for the 40(+) students studying apologetics and ecclesiology this semester. Additionally, I gather with 25 men weekly who feel called into pastoral ministry. We go over doctrine, ministry ethics, and homiletics. Only God knows what the future holds for these faithful believers!

## BUILDING PRAYER REQUEST

We have mentioned the fundraising efforts to purchase our current rented facility for Agape Baptist Church. We praise God for meeting the initial goal and us being able to start the paperwork process. However, the US dollar has lost about 25% of its value compared to the Colombian Peso over the past year, and it is now the lowest it has been in 3 years. Aside from affecting our personal finances, this significantly impacts the value of the funds we still need to bring from the US to Colombia to finalize the purchase of the building. Pray for this need.

*"Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God. For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God;" 2 Cor. 9:11-12*



I learned to preach shoe-less and in a kurta (man dress) in India. All things to all men!



What a great work God is doing in Chile! The night sessions were held outdoors.



"We spent 15 years in a religion that only gave us more fear of eternity. Now we know Christ, his Gospel and his peace!"  
-Luis Fernando giving his testimony



Pastor Felix teaching in the men's retreat. It's been great seeing God's work in him and through him during the past decade.



It's a great honor to teach and train God's choice servants. Pray for his work in them.



In February & March we celebrated birthdays for Aubrie, Aris (9), and Amira (14).

For The Cause of Christ,

**Aaron & Aubrie Vance**

(Along with the girls — Amira, Anabel, Aris, & Alethea!)

