



Praises!

- Lighthouse Baptist Bible Institute has finished summer classes.
- Bibles have entered Venezuela

Prayer Requests

- Amanda and baby
- Church growth in San Juan and Ipialis

Update of Amanda and the Baby

Greetings from Amanda's hospital room! We are very grateful for your continued prayers for her and the baby. In our last prayer letter, we mentioned she has been having more trouble breathing with this baby. We have tried various things, including dropping down into Ecuador for a few days to see if a lower altitude would help improve her oxygen levels.

A week-and-a-half ago at her doctor's appointment, we were told the baby is very small at this point in the pregnancy and that something is not quite right. A month ago, he was very small, but now has fallen even farther behind. We began to pray and seek counsel as to whether or not we should continue with the medical care in Colombia or get Amanda to the States for a better diagnosis.

I purchased tickets for her and two of the girls to come back. A week ago, before she left for the States, she was not able to feel or get the baby to move and we became very concerned. Praise the Lord, an ultrasound showed the baby is still fine, but I decided we needed to travel back as a family to get her the care she needs.

Wednesday, we flew back to Maryland, where my dad pastors and have been able to schedule care for Amanda for August 30. However, Friday, Amanda developed a blood clot. Yesterday, she was admitted to Mercy Medical Center in Baltimore for evaluation and care. Lord willing, we hope she will be released later today or tomorrow.

Please pray with us for the follow-up care for Amanda and the baby and for us to learn what is causing the baby's slow growth and if there is anything we need to do to help. Please pray for a safe and healthy delivery for both Amanda and the baby.



Mike and Hannah Martin visited in June



Friends who visited in July

Ministry in San Juan

Grace Baptist Church in San Juan continues to see slow, but steady, growth. We had a large Venezuelan family start coming recently. They are professing believers but have not been in a church in several years. Their six children are excited to be in church again, and we pray that God works in their lives and in their family for spiritual growth. Carlos and Glenda continue to be a tremendous help and encouragement in the church as Glenda is Venezuelan and there is an understanding of how to help the many Venezuelan migrant families who have visited the church.

Carlos has stepped in again and is taking all the preaching. Please pray with us for God to lead and guide in Carlos' and Glenda's lives to show them His will. Carlos just graduated from an online Bible seminary in Mexico and desires to be in full-time ministry. We would love to see him become the pastor in San Juan should God lead that way. For now, we are very grateful for all of the help they are.

Lighthouse Baptist Bible Institute

The summer Bible institute finished well a week ago. The timing was perfect, allowing me to finish right before bringing Amanda back. Pastor Roe flew to Pasto the day after we left, so he will be teaching the fall classes. Lord willing, In November, I will be teaching the last two classes of the semester. Please keep the students in prayer for God to use the classes in their lives and to call some of them into the ministry.

Ministry for the Next Several Months

We plan to remain in Maryland for Amanda to get further medical care. I will be taking a few trips back to Colombia to take care of various needs there so the ministry continues until our return. After the baby is born, we will fly back to Colombia. Although Amanda will not be able to travel very far these next couple of months—the older children and I can. If any pastors or churches would like us to come and report on what God has done in Colombia, please let us know. We would like to use this time wisely and be an encouragement, if possible. I will include my contact information below for those who desire it.

Venezuelan Bibles

Praise the Lord, the Bibles have finally made it into Venezuela! Someone has graciously opened their home for a distribution point and several pastors have already received Bibles. May God use them to lead many Venezuelans to Christ!

Thank you so much for your continued prayer and support for our family and ministry—especially for Amanda and the baby! We are so grateful!

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