
Fwd: Update from Matt Smith in Colombia

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From: **Matthew Smith** <smiths2colombia@gmail.com>
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Subject: Update from Matt Smith in Colombia
To: Amanda Smith <smiths2colombia@gmail.com>

Greetings from Colombia!

Thank you for your prayers for the churches and our ministry here. I wanted to update everyone on a couple of the prayer requests we had asked folks to pray for a few weeks ago.

This week has been very helpful medically. We believe we are finally getting specific answers as to my episodes of vision loss etc. On Tuesday I went to a blood specialist who believes I have an autoimmune disorder that is causing my blood clots and the episodes. He is sending me for some tests to verify but it seems very likely due to some testing I have already had done. If so, blood thinners should work to keep me from further problems. Thank you so much for your prayers as we have sought help the last several months.

Also, We also wanted to update those who have been praying with us for meeting locations for the churches in the towns of San Juan and Nariño. We are excited about how God has been working in answer to your prayers especially in the town Nariño as we look for a place for Iglesia Bíblica Bautista de Fe.

After searching, talking with townspeople, and looking at both rental buildings and lots, we found a beautiful property that is centrally located on a major road in town. We spent a few weeks trying to get a hold of the owner to find a price and finally succeeded.

We were pleasantly surprised that the owner is asking a fair price of about 1/3 what similar properties sell for. What is more, the property is already level, sits on high ground, and is large enough to construct a church auditorium, leave an area for people to park, and give plenty of area for children to play before and after the services. Without

question, it would meet the needs of the church not only now-but in the years ahead. I will attach some photos for you to see.

We covet your continued prayers for wisdom and help as we seek God's will about purchasing the property and building the church building on it. We are excited about the possibilities and what having a meeting location in town will mean for the growth of the church and the evangelization of Nariño and nearby towns. Nariño is a crossroads to several other nearby towns and the property is in perfect view and easy access of the main road.

We realise that there may be some who want to help in a special way with the purchase of the property. I will attach instruction below for any who do. Also, if anyone would like more information we would be happy to answer any questions.

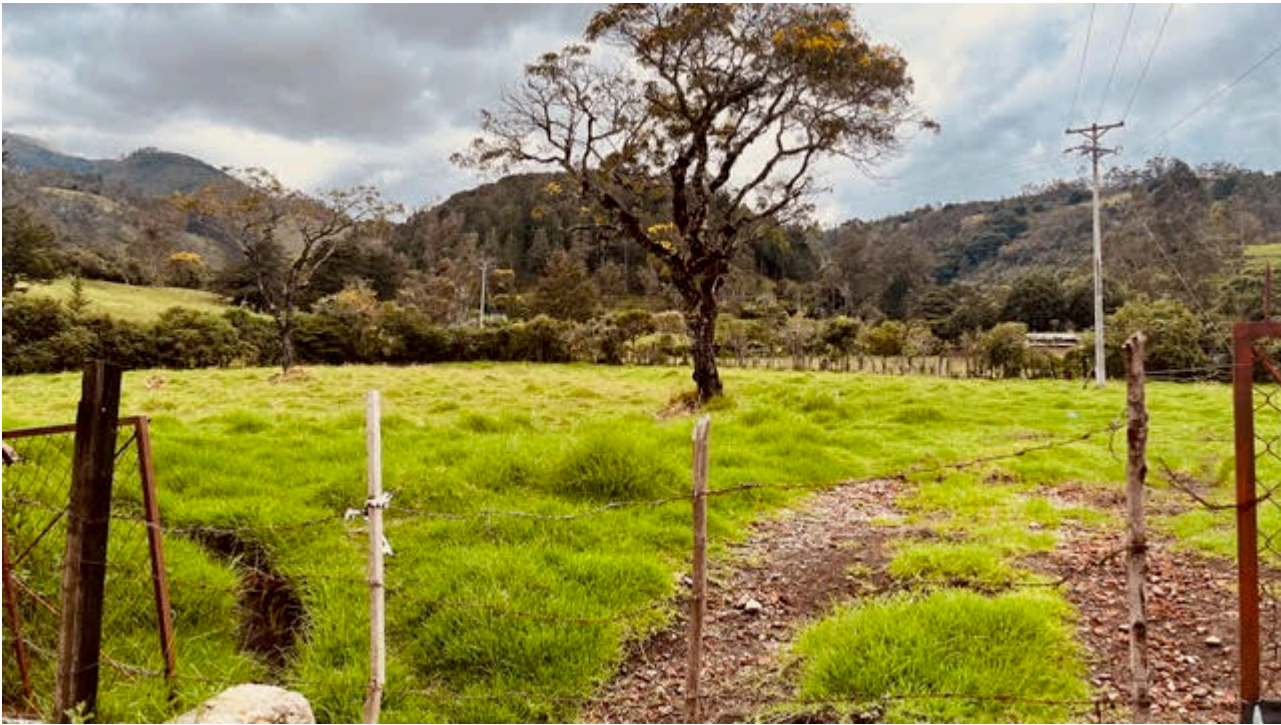
What we need more than anything is prayer. God answers prayer in so many ways. Without them, we can do nothing.

May God bless each of you in the ministries you serve Him.

In Christ,
Matt Smith

Missionary to Colombia

If you wish to contribute to building the church in Nariño, Colombia, please make out your donation to Baptist World Mission, PO Box 2149, Decatur, AL 35602, and put the project name "Matt Smith – Colombia Building Project" in the memo line. Or, if you wish to contribute online, you may do so through www.baptistworldmission.org. We will send another mailing when we have reached our goal. If funds come in excess of our need, we will redirect those funds to building Iglesia Bautista de Gracia in San Juan, Colombia.



Lot in Nariño, To the right they are building a gas station on the main road to town from the South.



Where we are meeting on the farm in Nariño currently.

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