



Praises!

- God's work in the Family Conference and Teen Camp!
- Salvation of N.
- Visitors who have come

Prayer Requests:

- Spiritual growth of families in each of the churches
- Provision for lot in Nariño, for owner to not divide the land
- Spiritual growth of N. and salvation of his family.
- A reliable and larger vehicle.

Visitors

In June, it was a blessing to have Missionary Matt Shields, his family, and some young people from his church in Aruba visit us here in Pasto. Brother Shields and his wife taught mens and ladies classes in the Bible Institute. They also visited each of the three church plants as well as Pastor Ceron's church in Pasto as Brother Shields preached and their family ministered in music. Our kids loved having other missionary children to play with and we enjoyed being able to show them our area here in Colombia. It was hard to say goodbye but we look forward to one day seeing them again.

Family Conference

The final two nights that the Shields were with us, we held a family conference at the church in Ipialis. It was the first time we have gotten all the churches in our area together. Pastor Ceron brought people from his church in Pasto and we had folks come from the San Juan and Nariño churches. Pastor Joel brought people from his church in Tulcan Ecuador. The Shields family ministered in music. Brother Matt and Mrs. Naomi taught workshops for the men and women as the children enjoyed their own children time. I was emotional seeing everyone together for the first time and rejoiced at what God has done in just the last three years. Please pray that God would work in the families and homes in each of the churches.

Teen Camp and Salvation

The end of June, Timothy and I flew to Bogota with some of our teens and some young people from Pastor Ceron's church to attend a teen camp. It was amazing to meet pastors and young people from throughout Colombia and hear the teaching and preaching of some Spanish pastors who came from Florida as special speakers for the camp. We are very grateful to pastor Freddy Nieto and his church for hosting the teen camp. Some of our young people made



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life-changing decisions. I was especially overjoyed to be able to lead one of our teens to Christ the last day of camp. His family has been visiting the church in Nariño faithfully. He is the first one in his family to be saved. Please pray for N... to grow in the Lord and be a testimony to his family. Also, please pray for the rest of his family to be saved.

Missionary Reunion and Pastors Conference

When we got back from teen camp, our family travelled down to Quito, Ecuador to attend our mission board's South American reunion. Due to protests in our area of Colombia, we missed the first two days of the meeting. We were so glad to at least get in on the last day of the conference. Our children were greatly blessed to meet other missionary children and it was an encouragement to Amanda and I to meet other missionaries working on our continent. Following the conference, I preached at Victory in Christ Baptist Church in Sangolqui, Ecuador. Pastor Jesus Alanis and his family were a tremendous blessing to our family. Before we returned to Colombia, we attended a national pastors conference at Pastor Alanis' church. National pastors and missionaries came from across South America and from as far away as Mexico and Spain. Our kids made friends and cried when we had to leave. I believe they loved the little candy stand as much as they did anything else at the conference.

Prayer Requests

Please continue to pray with us for the Lord to provide for the land in Nariño. We continue to hold meetings on the farm and save for the lot. Please pray especially that the owner will be patient and not divide up the land. His children are pressuring him to turn the land into a housing tract and sell individual lots. It would allow him a greater profit but it would mean we need to find another option for the building in Nariño. However, we have not found anything else with anywhere near the potential.

We extended our lease for another year for the church in San Juan. Several of the members have been helping find prices on other options in the town. So far, we only have seen one possible option to build on. However, we are trying to focus our resources and time toward the lot and building in Nariño. It seemed like the best option to extend our lease and continue to pray. Please pray with us, most of all, for the spiritual growth of the member in the San Juan church. We were excited about some of the decisions that the young people made at camp and look forward to see how that will impact their families now in the church.

Please continue to pray with us about our vehicle situation. Our family vehicle has been running much better the last several weeks but our bus is broken down again. When we can, we plan to fix the bus and sell it to use the money for the lot in Nariño. It is no longer worth trying to keep the bus on the road. With us not having the bus, we really need to find a larger family vehicle, not just to transport our large family, but our helpers we take to the ministries and the church members we pick up.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support for our family and ministry, we could not be here without you. It is a joy and privilege to serve the Lord in Colombia.

In Christ,
Matt Smith for the family
Your Missionaries to Colombia