

CROSSCOLLABORATION



Monthly Newsletter - September 2012

BONHAM & KINES FAMILIES
Missionaries to Colombia



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Crossing the... Finish Line Starting Line

This past month, the Olympics came to a close. It is amazing the amount of time and energy Olympic athletes put in to training and conditioning before they even enter the competition. They devote years of their life preparing for the moment they step up to the starting line.

The past few years have been a time of preparation for us. We have been through several evaluations and trainings. We have travelled countless miles and spent time with many dear brothers and sisters from churches all over the Southeast. The Lord has blessed us with a multitude of ministry partners who are faithfully praying for us and financially supporting our work in Latin America. As the season of preparation comes to a close, we realize that we are not crossing the finish line, but instead, *we are stepping up to the the starting line.*

In just a couple weeks, our "race" begins. On **September 18th** at 12:20pm, we will board a plane for Bogota, Colombia. Our mission is only starting. We will get to experience the fruit of the Lord's blessing over the past 15 months of support-raising. We cannot express to you how deeply grateful we are to those who have gotten us here through their prayers and financial gifts. They have stepped out in faith and partnered with us as we prepared for our mission. And now, they go to the field with us as "senders." As you continue to pray for us, I hope you will take time to praise the Lord for his goodness to us as we countdown the days to our departure!



Ten one-way plane tickets to Bogota



Religious visas to stay in Colombia for an extended time.

Goodbye Open House - Save the Date

The hardest thing about obeying the Lord's call to go to the foreign mission field is saying goodbye to family and friends and knowing we will not see many of them for many years. We have already started saying goodbye and it has been very bittersweet--excited the Lord has called us and provided for this work, but painful in having to say goodbye.

There are so many people we want to say goodbye to. **Therefore, you are cordially invited to a "Goodbye Open House" on Sunday, September 16th from 4-6pm at the home of John & Marguerite Travis.** The address is 130 Deer Haven Drive, Madison, MS. This will be a time for us to say our "goodbyes" to friends and family before we leave. Please feel free to come and go at your convenience. Light appetizers will be provided.



Almost 100%... Praise the Lord

That support status graph has never looked so good. We praise God that he has called many friends, family and churches to financially partner with us. The Lord has been faithful. As you can see, we are at 99% of the pledges that we need. We have had several individuals make verbal commitments to support our mission work. Once we receive these, we should be at 100%. If you have made a verbal commitment, we would love for you to make it official. Please visit our website or contact us to find out how to make it "official" with our missions agency. We would love to be at 100% before we leave for Colombia. Also, if you have made a pledge and have not yet started fulfilling that pledge, we kindly ask that you do so starting this month. All of our mission work and living expenses come solely from the faithful commitments of our ministry partners.

What are we doing?

In a nutshell: Our two families will be serving as missionaries with [Mission to the World](http://MissiontotheWorld.org). We will be serving with the missionary team in Colombia for two years to be trained in language, culture, and cross-cultural ministry. After two years, we will move to a to-be-determined Latin-American country to plant churches where the gospel has not taken root.

Support Status

Needed
1%
Pledged
99%

Tax-deductible donations may be sent to:

Mission to the World
PO Box 116284
Lawrenceville, GA 30368

Note in the memo line:

10788 Bonham, 14043 Kines

For other ways to give, visit www.CrossCollaboration.org/partner-with-us/

Please Pray For...

1. the sale of the Kines' house in Madison.
2. us as we pack up and say goodbye to family & friends over the next two weeks.
3. the Colombia MTW team as they prepare for our arrival.
4. praise the Lord for supplying us with religious visas.

Upcoming Events:

- **September 16** - Commissioning service at Madison Heights Church.
- **September 16** - Goodbye Open House, 4-6pm.
- **September 18** - Leave for Colombia!!!

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