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The Kingdom and Couches

It is hard to believe that we are writing our first newsletter from Bogotá, Colombia. It has been a long journey getting here and in many ways it is out of the frying pan and into the fire! Since arriving at the airport on Tuesday, September 18th until now, it has been a whirlwind of activity for our two families. We thought we would share a little bit about what missionaries go through as they transition to the mission field.



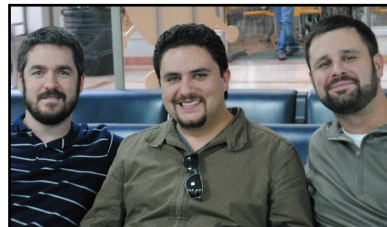
Our commissioning service at Madison Heights Church on Sept. 16th



A break from house-hunting w/ the kids.

After an emotional day on September 18th with having to say our final goodbyes, we hit the ground running on the 19th. We had to apply for our Cédulas (the Colombia government IDs), which are required to do almost anything (ie., pay with a credit card, rent a home, establish utilities). It was almost painless, literally, except that we had to provide a blood sample because they note our blood type.

Following that, we have mainly focussed on finding a place to call home. Three weeks ago, we had no prospects for housing, no furniture, no way to contact anyone, and no utilities. The Lord has been gracious in providing all of these things in just three weeks! Admittedly, it was a frustrating and tiring time since it takes much longer to get anything accomplished, but the Lord used it to teach us a lot.



Guys of the apprenticeship program: Nate, Nathaniel, Josh

One of things we have had to constantly remember is that we must keep the Kingdom in mind in all areas of life. We certainly didn't relocate our whole family to a new country just to rent a new house and spend all of our time getting settled. But that is what we must do during this season of our transition. So even when we are doing mundane things such as buying couches, we must do so with Kingdom purposes--how we intend to show hospitality in our home, how we treat those we buy the furniture from, how we demonstrate a loving



Ladies of the apprenticeship program: Alicia, Nikki, & Emily

home in a culture that glorifies "machismo" and infidelity. In all things we must seek to glorify God. Although writing about us getting settled into our new homes does not make the most exciting newsletter, it is the reality of our lives and of

Josh & Emily (Howton) Kines
Nate & Nikki (Travis) Bonham

What are we doing?

In a nutshell: Our two families will be serving as missionaries with [Mission to the World](http://www.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.

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Colombia Trivia:

Q. What is the capital of Colombia?

A. It was originally called Sante Fe, then Santa Fe de Bogotá, then Bogotá, then Santefe de Bogotá D.C., and now it is officially Bogotá, D.C.

Q. How many states are there in Colombia?

A. Colombia has 32 states. Bogotá is in the state of Cundinamarca.

Learn some Spanish!

Good Morning = Buenos Días

Good Afternoon = Buenos Tardes

Good Night = Buenos Noches

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yours. We all have earthly responsibilities to tend to, but we must pursue it with Kingdom purposes. The Lord has also shown us to be in prayer about EVERYTHING--paperwork, waiting on delivery people, setting priorities, making time with our children, etc. I am sure that will be a lesson we will continue to learn everyday.

As always, for more information on what we do day-to-day, check out our blog at CrossCollaboration.org and also find links to our family blogs.

Meet the Nannies

We have heard from veteran missionaries that huge struggles can surface when both spouses do not have the opportunity to learn the language well; particularly when the wife stays home with the children and does not have the opportunity to get formal language training and chances to get out and use her new language. We feel strongly that our whole families need to have a deep grasp of Spanish in order to minister well. In order to do this, we will be having nannies help us with our children over the next year. They will take care of them in the mornings while we attend Nueva Lengua, a Spanish language school in Bogotá. These two nannies have truly been a God-send. Both of our families were somewhat nervous about bringing in a stranger from a different culture with a different language to watch our children, but we couldn't have found better nannies. We wanted to introduce you to them and ask that you pray for them as they become a huge part of our children's lives.



- **Nury** (Pronounced New-dee) *Nanny for the Kines children*. Nury is a Christian woman who is studying theology here in Bogota and is passionate about evangelism. She speaks the fastest Spanish we have ever heard, and the kids absolutely adore her.
- **Deisy** (Pronounced Day-see) *Nanny for the Bonham twins*. Deisy is also a Christian woman who is very involved in her church. She is working towards a law degree and hopes to return to school in the future. She is great with Noah and Barrett, and she has much more energy than we do!



Prayer Requests

We have seen the Lord answering prayer after prayer since we arrived, however great or small. Thank you for your prayers and responses to requests on Facebook and email and please keep it up!

- Please pray for our families as we move into our new homes and get settled. Pray the Lord multiplies the fish and the loaves as we try to stretch every dollar of our set up allowance to get this done.
- Please pray for our children who are showing remarkable resilience as we continue our rather hectic schedule over the next couple of weeks.
- Please pray that we are able find regular times in the Word and prayer, individually, with our families, and as a team. The enemy would love to keep us busy and distracted.
- Please pray for this season of language learning. Pray the Lord would give us the gift of the Spanish language and keep us focused and diligent in the process.
- Please pray for team in Bogota as we get to know each of its members and we learn together how to reach Colombia with the Gospel.