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Monthly Newsletter - January 2013

BONHAM & KINES FAMILIES
Missionaries to Colombia



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

A Year In Review

As 2013 begins, we are excited to think about what the Lord has in store for us. This excitement comes from reflecting on the Lord's faithfulness to us over the past year. For both of our families, 2012 will go down in history as a year of much trial, change, and blessing. We are so thankful for our faithful ministry partners who have been with us every step of the way. Here is a glimpse of what happened in 2012:

- January- We decided to move the apprenticeship program from from Costa Rica (as originally planned) to Bogotá, Colombia. Josh finished his time as Pastor of Community at Madison Heights Church. (Right: Us with Gary & Phyllis Waldecker, the apprenticeship program leader)
- February through June - We visited 19 churches and travelled over 12,000 miles to share our mission and raise our necessary financial support.
- March - The Bonhams sold their home. Nate finished his time as Youth Director and Pastoral Intern at Madison Heights Church.



• April - We visited Bogotá, Colombia for the first time! (Left: Josh & Nate at the Sporting Clay Shoot Fundraiser)

• July - We spent the month in New York City for Cross Cultural Ministry Internship, a training program for Mission to the World. Josh and Emily found out that Baby #5 was on the way! (Right: Nate & Josh with Petros, an elder we worked with in NYC.)



- August - We got our Colombian visas and visited the MTW office for our final "checkout" visit. We purchased our one-way plane tickets!
- September - We sold almost everything we owned, were "commissioned" by our home church, had a farewell party, boarded a plane to Bogotá, and moved to Colombia! After 15 months of support-raising, the Lord brought us to 100% of our needed monthly support. One week after arriving in Colombia the Kines sold their house in Madison.



Our team being commissioned by Madison Heights Church on September 16th.



All the kiddos on their way to Bogotá. Great troopers!

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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Learn Spanish:

Important Survival Phrases:

Mas Despacio, Por Favor
More Slowly, Please

Como Se Dice En Espanol?
How do you say in Spanish?

Que Significa _____?
What does _____ mean?

Cuanto es?
or
Cuanto Vale?
How much does this cost?

Buenos Dias, Tardes y Noches
Good Morning, Afternoon, and Evening

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A Year In Review (continued)



- October – After several weeks, we found rental housing for our two years in Colombia. We began learning Spanish at a language school. (Top left: Tons of paperwork to do when moving to a new country--even giving blood specimens. Top right: The Bonhams & Kines taking Bogotá by storm.)
- November – We continued learning Spanish. We had our first holiday (Thanksgiving) away from our family and friends back home, but our new MTW family took great care of us. Illness was rampant on our team... not fun.
- December – We had our first (non-family) visitor from the states. We had family here for Christmas for which we are very thankful. We began to feel more at home with each passing week. Having family in town for the holidays helps battle the homesickness. (Right: Rob Patterson, a dear friend & supporter, came to visit)



As you can see, 2012 was a very exciting year. We could not have done any of this without your prayers, financial support, and warm encouragement. We also are sure that 2013 will prove to be just as exciting. We hope to progress quickly in the language, continue to learn the culture, and discern where we will go long-term after our two years here in Colombia, Lord-willing. In addition, the Kines will welcome #5, and the Bonhams hope to complete their Colombian adoption. What a journey! We cannot wait to see how the Lord will show His faithfulness to our families and yours in 2013!



A panoramic picture of our neighborhood.

Prayer Requests

- Please continue to pray for our children. The anxieties and struggles of moving to a new culture come out in very different ways and at different times.
- Please pray for this season of language learning as we will be switching to in home tutors for the first part of the new year. Pray the Lord would give us the gift of the Spanish language and keep us focused and diligent in the process.
- Pray for all the changes this new year will bring as we will be choosing a permanent missions site, finishing language school, and beginning the apprenticeship program.