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**MISSIONS NEWSLETTER**

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## **“Te Bautizo” by Joshua Kines**

One of the great privileges of being a pastor is the blessing of baptizing my children. On May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 I had the privilege of baptizing James Carter Kines, our fifth child. Though baptizing my children has always been a very special moment for Emily and me, there was something more significant about this day. As I looked out into the congregation while Pastor Daniel Lancheros was explaining the sacrament of baptism I saw Nikki filming the baptism with her iPhone in one hand and Noah in her other arm. Nate was holding Barrett as Barrett faced him, standing in his lap, with arms wrapped around his neck. The Gutierrezes were sitting nearby, Gabba in Nathaniel's lap and Jeremiah sitting next to him with Alicia focused intently on the service. As Emily and I took vows concerning our recognition of our need of the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ for the redemption of my son, I found myself looking with greater anticipation to the final question Pastor Daniel would ask. The question to the congregation concerning their role in raising my child seemed to take on a whole new meaning to me this go around. Our time in Colombia is short and though the people here have received us with open arms and cared for us well, we realize that the Lord has provided us with a more long-term community in the Bonham and Gutierrez family.



Last month we announced our new partnership between our three families. We believed the Lord had orchestrated our meeting in Colombia at a time when all three of our families were seeking the Lord's will on future ministry location and team dynamics. We believe the Lord worked through our commitment to pray over the course of three months concerning our possible new union. We believe the Lord blessed our times of discussion about ministry vision and calling. However, I am not sure I fully appreciated all that implied until a couple of short weeks after our announcement. As I looked at our

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three families from the front of that sanctuary that morning I found myself beaming with pride over what the Lord had provided our three families. Our partnership is so much more than the sum total of our ministry tasks, it is a covenant agreement between each of us, before God that we will shepherd one another, encourage one another, challenge one another, reprove one another, and above all else love one another well. With that in my mind and on my heart I took the water in my hand and together with my family in Christ covenanted before God, “Te bautizo en el nombre del Padre, del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo, amen”.

Our families are missionaries with Mission to the World, the missionary-sending agency of the Presbyterian Church in America, currently serving in Bogotá, Colombia. Next year, we will be moving to a to-be-determined location in South America to beginning a new work with MTW. Find more info at:

**[WWW.CROSSCOLLABORATION.ORG](http://WWW.CROSSCOLLABORATION.ORG)**

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## “Colombian Boot Camp” by Nathaniel Gutierrez

Since the time we arrived in Bogota, we have had the opportunity to work in three churches that were in three different stages (an established church, a young church, and a brand new church plant). Having preached, taught and served in different capacities in each of these churches, I have learned many of the challenges and joys accompanying the different stages of overseas church-planting. Currently we, the Gutierrez family, find ourselves serving in "El Refugio," (The Refuge) a brand new church plant only a few months old. I work closely with the Colombian pastor, elder and pastor in training. We pray, plan and evangelize together. We evaluate sermons, lessons and ministry concepts as a team. I am getting hands-on teaching and experience as I go through each step of the church-planting process.

As things move forward at El Refugio, our team also moves forward in their Spanish language acquisition. Though I must say goodbye to the the days when I could plan birthday surprises in Spanish in front of my wife Alicia, I happily exchange them for moments when Alicia shares her love for the Savior with the different spanish-speaking women and families that enter our home. While we were interviewing people in the different communities I also found that before I was able to translate a sentence from Spanish to English, Nathan and Nikki Bonham had already begun offering feedback in Spanish. While I don't share Emily Kines' joy for grammar I do very much enjoy watching her dissect Spanish sentences of adult Spanish-speaking natives. Of course, there was never a more exciting moment than watching Josh Kines baptize his son in the Spanish language without any pause. As a team we are so thankful to be in this time of preparation and covet your prayers as we learn together in order that we might better serve in the extension of God's Kingdom.

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## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

We are so thankful for many of you who have sent care packages and encouraging letters. Unfortunately, due to the increased cost of receiving packages through the service we used, we have had to cancel that service. Therefore, we can longer receive any mail sent to the MIAMI address. If you would like to send us any mail, please email us at [Team@CrossCollaboration.org](mailto:Team@CrossCollaboration.org).

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## PRAY

- Team's health - Josh is now on week two of a very debilitating sickness.
- Pray for guidance for our team as we lock down our future ministry location.
- Pray for the Gutierrez pregnancy - Due in the next few weeks.
- Pray for the Bonham's adoption of Luís. They hope to meet him and finalize the adoption in July.

## PARTNER

Tax deductible donations may be sent to:  
Mission to the World  
PO Box 116284  
Lawrenceville, GA 30368

Note in the memo line: 10788 Bonham,  
12762 Gutierrez, 14043 Kines

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