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“El Refugio”

Unstacking chairs, forming rows, unloading music equipment, plugging in wires, and doing it all over again the next Sunday--for anyone who has been a part of a church plant, you know what we are talking about. Our families have had the opportunity to do this in the United States, but now setting up and taking down each week is centered around a Spanish sermon and Spanish music on the mission field. It is a tremendous privilege to labor alongside our Colombian brothers and sisters in Christ. Although the mundane tasks of setting up each week can be tiring, it is a glimpse of how the Lord is working in Bogotá.

We are blessed to be a part of a new church plant in Bogota

called "El Refugio" ("The Refuge"). This church is just a few months old and is led by Pastor Javier Muñoz along with David Bermúdez and Gerardo Perez. Pastor Javier was actually the first pastor to be ordained in the Reformed Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Colombia (IREP) over 20 years ago and has been a faithful partner of Mission to the World. He is a gifted and highly respected pastor who we have the honor of working alongside during our apprenticeship here in Colombia. We work in a

Colombian context alongside Pastor Javier who works hard to reach Colombia, but also has a larger focus on discipling fledgling churches in other Latin American countries. This broader experience of church planting will prove very beneficial as we prepare to leave for Arequipa, Peru.

We are also humbled by the opportunity to lead worship each week. About 40 people gather each week to praise our God in a crowded room. It is a glimpse of the Lord's mission to reach every nation, tribe, and tongue. We are also grateful to be involved in the leadership meetings in which we help plan the direction El Refugio is heading. We meet with the session on a weekly basis in one of our homes, we evaluate our work as a



Gerardo & Vilma Perez



Pastor Javier & Sandra Muñoz



David & Kati Bermudez

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 Arequipa, Peru to begin a new work with MTW. Find more info at: www.CrossCollaboration.org

team and take measures to refocus our efforts for the good of the church and for the glory of God. It is through El Refugio that we are able to receive hands-on training in cross-cultural evangelism, discipleship, and church leadership.



Our team leading worship at Refugio

Please pray for the ministry of El Refugio. In a city of over 10 million, there is much work to be done. Pray that El Refugio would be a light upon a hill and a faithful testimony of the grace of Jesus Christ. Please pray for us as we lead God's people in our small corner of the world. We hope to see El Refugio strengthen, grow and reproduce in gospel ministry, and that our time here would be fruitful for the church and our future ministry in Peru.

|| Visit the El Refugio website: <http://www.iglesiarefugio.com> ||

LUIS

It seems like all of our newsletters lately mention how our team is growing. Well, July was no exception. After two years in the adoption process, the Bonham's are very grateful to bring Luís home. Luís is a four-year-old boy from Cali, another major city in Colombia. He is a ball of energy! Although he is home, the Bonhams hope to finish all the legal adoption paperwork in August or September. Please pray that everything would go smoothly to finalize the process. Also, pray for his adjustment into a life with a mommy, daddy, and brothers who are not yet fluent in Spanish.



The Bonham Family

PRAY

- Praise for the answer to prayer and safe arrival of Luis to Nathan & Nikki Bonham!
- Prayer for wisdom as we work with Iglesia El Refugio
- Pray for health of the team and ministry partners - there are very strong viruses and illnesses that are preventing us from doing our work.
- Please pray for our Colombian partners and for the growth of our church numerically and spiritually.

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