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BONHAM, GUTIERREZ & KINES FAMILIES



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“Opportunities in our neighborhood”

Last week, a leader of our neighborhood association, asked our church to help host a “Day of the Child” event. This is always a really big holiday for Colombia and each of the smaller communities that make up our larger neighborhood make a pretty big deal out of the special day holiday. To be asked to oversee this event and to be given license to share with the people of the community was a rare but exciting opportunity.



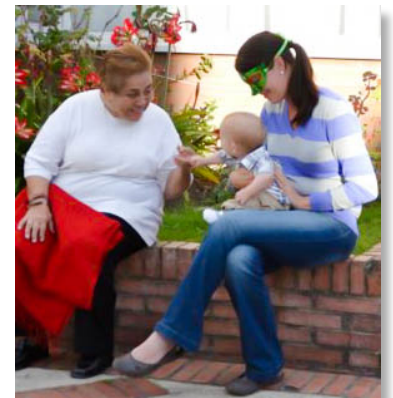
We were grateful to be able to play games with the kids, sing Christian songs with them, and share a short devotional around our theme of Noah and the Ark. Granted, there was some initial resistance on the part of the parents in the community, but by the

end, some of those most vocal in opposition were asking for our phone numbers so they could be in touch. We were delighted for the opportunity to reach this community and thankful for all the open doors it provided. As of now, we have 3 separate weekly ministry opportunities within this community that we believe will open doors for many more.



From the big picture to an individual

That snapshot of the ministry we are doing provides the bigger picture, but sometimes it is encouraging to also hear of the intentional time with individuals. A few weeks ago a family in our neighborhood decided to approach us and ask if we would be willing to pray with their daughter who was suffering from depression. Though strongly catholic, they knew we were pastors and that their daughter needed help. A few hours later, we went to visit this young lady and the Lord opened an amazing door to share the Gospel with her.



Since her husband left her, this young lady has reared her two children alone. She has been working full-time and caring for her kids around the clock and the realities and the challenges of her life have caused her to ask a lot of great questions. We were overjoyed that we had the opportunity to share with her the hope that she has in Christ and walk her through some initial steps of reordering her life according to the Gospel. Since that initial meeting we have enjoyed seeing her in church and afterwards for Sunday lunch in our homes. She has now asked if we can meet twice a week to talk more about changes she wants to make in her life. We are so thankful to see how the Lord is working in her life, and thankful for the opportunities you, our supporters, give us to do this work!

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

**Let us help you start your day!**

We are excited to be partnering with Seattle Drip Coffee again this year for our end of the year annual fundraiser! All proceeds from this year's coffee drive will go towards getting our three families to Peru. If you remember from our previous newsletter we are set to leave on December 11th for Peru and there are many unforeseen expenses with this transition that we need help with.

**How does it work?**

We are selling $\frac{3}{4}$ pound bags of coffee for \$12 a bag. Roughly half of what is made from each bag sold comes to us. If you are thinking about end of the year gifts for coworkers, family, or your company then have a special offer of 50 bags or more at \$10 a bag. If churches want to promote this as a way of keeping our team before your congregations, we are offering the same deal: 50 bags for \$10 each.

How Can My Church Help?

If your church is interested in helping we can provide you with necessary fliers and advertisement. Please help us get to Peru by taking part in this great opportunity. For more information or to place orders please call Rob Patterson at (601)622-8790 or email us at coffee@crosscollaboration.org.

Churches that have participated in the fundraiser in the past have purchased the 50 bags (at \$10 a bag) and set up a table near the sanctuary with information about our team and we have seen great results! Let us know if you want some coffee!

End of the year giving

Please do consider us as you plan for end of the year giving! Your gifts make it possible for us to dedicate ourselves fully to the work of church planting in Peru. Thank you so much!

PRAY

- Thank you for praying for the Gutierrez family's 3 month old baby, Simeon, who must undergo a surgery on his skull. Thanks to your prayers they were able to get into one of the top 12 hospitals in the U.S. for this surgery, and have a standing appointment for May 2014.
- We are exactly one month away from our departure to Peru! Pray for all the details of our move and that our transition from here to Peru will go smoothly.

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Tax deductible donations may be sent to:
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Note in the memo line:
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