Missions Newsletter

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Nate & Nikki Bonham are long-term missionaries serving with Mission to the World (<u>www.mtw.org</u>). They have been serving in Latin America since 2012 and are currently based out of Arequipa, Peru with their three sons.

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- Nikki started a women's Bible study in our home and has seen an amazing response!
- Nate was able to attend a conference in Bogotá, Colombia promoting the work of Reformed University Fellowship (a campus ministry connecting the campus with the local church) in Latin America.
- Thank you for helping us end 2018 well!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We had no idea. Nikki's plan was to start a women's Bible study for any ladies connected to Seminario Bíblico Reformado. She expected 7 or 8 women that she could study the Bible with at our kitchen table. Knowing that people usually don't sign up until the last moment, we announced the Bible study through the SBR facebook page just over a week before it was to begin.

Then the texts started pouring in. "I want to come and bring 3 friends." "Is it okay if I bring my friend who doesn't know how to read?" "I've never read any of the Bible and I don't know if I'm a Christian. Can I still come?" We considered capping the number due to lack of space, but how can you tell someone "no" who wants to study the



Small group breakout

Bible? So we said, "Yes, please come!" and decided we'd figure it out somehow.

By the time Thursday night rolled around, we had no idea how we would fit almost 50 ladies in our home. We were scrounging for anything that could possibly be considered a seat. But we made it work!



Nikki teaching in the "large group" session

Nikki dedicated the first night solely towards presenting the gospel in a clear and understandable way during their "large group" session. It was a first time a few of them would have heard the true gospel. The night went on with a time of singing and praise, guided small group discussions, and a sweet time of prayer.

Please pray for Nikki as she not only continues to lead the Bible study, but also as she works with some other ladies to equip them in how to lead their own Bible studies. It has only been a few weeks, but we are seeing a lot of excitement from the ladies who have attended. Also pray for Nikki's preparation of the messages on top of homeschooling and other ministry responsibilities. And, of course, please pray for all the women involved... that they would grow in their walk with the Lord and be equipped to step out and lead their own Bible studies in their communities

R.U.F. CONFERENCE IN BOGOTÁ

Reformed University Ministry (RUF) is a university that seeks to connect the college campus with the local church. It is a ministry that is dear to our hearts not just because of what is starting to happen in Latin America, but because RUF had a huge impact on us during our time at Mid. Tenn. State Univ. and Miss. State Univ.

In January, Nate was able to attend a conference in Bogotá, Colombia which was promoting new RUF campus ministries in Latin America. There were attendees from all across Latin America coming from different ministries-pastors, missionaries, university workers, etc.

Please pray for the Lord to raise up people who would plant new RUF campuses in South America. There is only one RUF ministry in all of South America! We need more laborers and the university is a very strategic place to reach the nations.



RUF Conference (called CUR in Spanish)

A BIG THANK YOU!

We want to express our deepest thanks for helping us finish 2018 well. Honestly, we were getting nervous as 2018 came to an end, but our friends stepped in the gap. This allowed us to start 2019 strong.

We are still in need, though, of ministry partners to come alongside of us and pledge a monthly or quarterly contribution. This allows us to know what to expect each month and budget accordingly for all of the ministries we are involved in. Please consider pledging!





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