



THE BONHAM LINE

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30 SECOND UPDATE (see articles for more details)

- The Coronavirus is having global effects. From our own family, to our MTW colleagues, to the Latin American churches we partner with, we are trying to move forward in faith, strength, and wisdom.
- In February, we visited: Pear Orchard PCA, Highlands PCA (Ridgeland, MS), Trinity PCA (Jackson, MS), Christ Church PCA (Katy, TX), and Trinity PCA (Murfreesboro, TN)
- Please continue to pray for Lacey (Nikki's sister) as she recently came home from in-patient therapies.

This is one of those newsletters I have had to write and re-write daily for the past several days. With everything going on in the world and with our family, it seems information is outdated by the time we are able to send it out. We want to update you on a few things...

Corona Virus Pandemic

The Corona Virus has reached several countries in South America, and we are seeing the devastating consequences of both the virus itself and the fear of the virus. We are ministering to our national brothers and sisters the best we can, and we are also trying to care for our missionary colleagues. Some families, with some extenuating health circumstances, have decided to return to the USA for a season.

We are also beginning to receive communications from our partnering churches to postpone our visits while

we are on Home Assignment (as you can see in our schedule to the left).

Countries are also closing their borders. For example, just today Colombia has completely sealed their borders, even for citizens. These restrictions are in place for 30 days with other restrictions lasting until May 31.

As you pray for your local churches and communities, please pray for the global church and missionaries.

Moving Along

We have continued visiting churches:

- **Pear Orchard PCA** (Ridgeland, MS) Nate preached the morning and evening services of their Missions Conference. The week was filled with home groups and dinners, and Nikki shared with the students



Our missions table display



Nikki speaking at a ladies' luncheon

ABOUT US

Nate & Nikki Bonham have been serving in South America with Mission to the World since 2012 in the area of church planting. With their three children, they are based out of Medellin, Colombia.

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of Christ Covenant School, the Christian school of Pear Orchard, and at a ladies luncheon.

- **Highlands PCA** (Ridgeland, MS) Nikki spoke at their women's luncheon, and Nate preached on Sunday.

- **Trinity PCA** (Jackson, MS). On Saturday we presented at a Missions Breakfast, and later Nate and the boys worked with the church to help a lady whose home had been devastated by the Jackson floods.

- **Christ Church PCA** (Katy, TX) It was a full and encouraging weekend. We presented during a missions dinner, Nate taught during a men's breakfast, and Nikki spoke during a women's luncheon. On Sunday, we talked about our journey into foreign missions during Sunday school, and Nate preached both morning services and the evening service.

- **Trinity PCA.** Nate and Barrett drove to Murfreesboro, TN where they gave a brief update during worship and were able to catch up with some long-time friends during this quick 24-hour trip.

Update on Lacey

We don't mention this ongoing prayer request in all of our newsletters, but we wanted to give a brief update as to Lacey's health. A week ago, Lacey was discharged from inpatient therapy where she has been working hard in speech, occupational, and physical therapies. She is battling with decreased vision, decreased ability to use the right side of her body, and memory and communication complications. Even in this, she continues to encourage so many through her dependence upon the Lord and not shying away from glorifying God in every step. Please keep praying for Lacey and the family!

With the increase in symptoms, we also decided as a family that Nikki will be staying in the Jackson area to spend time with and help care for Lacey and her family. This means the Nate will be traveling solo to visit the rest of our church partners. We are thankful for our partners understanding this and caring for us during this time.



Home Ministry Assignment Calendar - 2020

Jan. 5 - All Saints PCA - Nashville, TN
 Jan. 12 - Providence PCA - Clinton, MS
 Jan. 24-26 - Faith PCA - Tacoma, WA
 Feb. 2 - First PCA - Louisville, MS
 Feb. 9-16 - Pear Orchard PCA - Ridgeland, MS
 Feb. 19-23 - Highlands PCA - Ridgeland, MS
 Feb. 21-23 - Trinity PCA - Jackson, MS
 Feb. 28 - Mar. 1 - Christ Church PCA - Katy, TX
 Mar. 8 - Trinity PCA - Murfreesboro, TN

**Mar. 15 - Covenant PCA - Nashville, TN
 (POSTPONED - Date TBD)**

**Mar. 21-22 - Faith PCA - Fairless Hills, PA
 (POSTPONED - Date TBD)**

**Mar. 27-29 - First CRC - Ripon, CA
 (POSTPONED - Date TBD)**

**Apr. 19 - Pearl PCA - Pearl, MS
 (Preaching & Presenting)**

**Apr. 26 - First PCA - Gulfport, MS
 (Presenting)**

Church visits to be scheduled:

- Westminster PCA - Greenwood, MS
- Trinity PCA - Corinth, MS

IMPORTANT: Our tentative departure date to go to Medellin, Colombia was in mid-May. At this point, we have church visits to reschedule, Colombia has closed its borders, and our passports are in limbo as the US has paused passport renewals. All of these factors indicate that an early June departure would be best-case scenario. Please pray as we are eager to get to work in Medellin.



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