



THE BONHAM LINE

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30 SECOND UPDATE (see articles for more details)

- We still don't have an exact date for moving to Colombia, but things are looking up! We are hopeful that we will be able to go soon!
- While we wait, we are taking advantage of the chance to do some things that we normally can't do while on the field... soccer, piano lessons, various therapies.
- Please continue praying for missionaries around South America while they serve during quarantine and crisis.

THINGS ARE LOOKING UP!

This month marks one year since we arrived back in the US for our Home Ministry Assignment, and we *NEVER* could have imagined that we would be here this long!! We have been so thankful for the extra time with family (and with Nikki's sister, Lacey, in particular as she continues fighting cancer) and the fact that we have been able to still be engaged in ministry in South America via virtual channels, but we are also anxious to move and begin ministry in-person.

As of right now, we still do not have a departure date, but we are very hopeful that it's getting closer! Slowly, Colombia and other South American countries have begun opening up again as they get past what seems to be the highest peak of the Covid crisis. Colombia recently had its first international flight since the shutdown in March, and they are in the process of slowly opening more flights and normalizing the itineraries. We are working on visa requirements and paperwork, and we hope that we will be able to make firm plans very soon! *Please pray with us that the Lord will open the door for our departure in his perfect timing.*



The first day of school 2020!

WHILE WE WAIT

In addition to virtual ministry in South America and the various things we are trying to do to prepare for the move, we have a lot of "normal" things to fill our time. The boys started school again in September. Thankfully, since homeschool is the norm for our family, there hasn't been any big change or adjustment there! Noah and Barrett began

ABOUT US

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5th grade, and Luis is continuing with his Special Education curriculum and making great progress.

We also had the chance to sign Noah and Barrett up for a local recreational soccer league — something we've never been able to do here in Mississippi before! Noah, especially, was thrilled to get back on the soccer field after a year away. Nate has had the opportunity to be Assistant Coach for their team, which has been fun for him (and probably not something he would be able to do in Colombia where soccer is taken a little more seriously!)



Thursday night lights - Noah and Barrett play on the Eagles team and have had a winning season.

AROUND SOUTH AMERICA

During these months of pandemic, I (Nate) have had the joy to see God's faithfulness as He works in and through our MTW missionaries scattered throughout South America. Though we in the United States may have been frustrated with very short stay-at-home orders or other mandates, our missionaries have had to live through very strict, very strong, and very long-lasting quarantines. Some countries in South America experienced quarantines for 6 straight months, only able to leave the house for an hour per week depending upon your ID number.

Despite these challenges, we have seen amazing works of gospel ministry, both word and deed, extending out from local churches. Financial aid, food distribution, medical support, and gospel preaching have been at the forefront. But can I ask you to pray for our missionaries? They are tired and weary from having to both serve their own families under these difficult circumstances as well as serve those around them who are suffering.



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A little piece of home — they usually sport their Peru jerseys to soccer practice!

In addition to adding extracurriculars (in English!) like soccer and piano to our schedule, we have also been able to seek out several different specialists to help with some of Luis's special needs. We have begun a few different therapy programs, and we are excited about the potential for progress! We have also been working with these various doctors and therapists to put a plan into place for after we move, and thanks to all the recent changes and modifications in tele-health due to Covid, we should be able to continue seeing many of these specialists virtually from Colombia. We are so thankful to have had the opportunity to seek out help in these areas while we are here.