



THE BONHAM LINE

Quick Update - Oct. 2020

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- As Colombia opens their borders, we are making plans to return to the field.
- Nate will be in Medellín, Colombia from Oct. 29 - Nov. 7
- We hope to move to Medellín, Colombia the first week of December.

Hey friends! It's 6:00am and I am waiting at the gate for my flight to Miami and then on to Medellín, Colombia. I wanted to give everyone a quick update about what is happening with the Bonham family. As we mentioned in our newsletter a few weeks ago, Colombia has opened their borders to commercial flights with some additional protocols, and the USA is one of only a few countries of origin that can fly into Colombia. As this has happened, things are moving very quickly for the us.

There are so many questions about what the transition for our family will look like during a time of pandemic. Typically, a pandemic sends people back to their home countries. Families usually aren't trying to move to a foreign country and start from scratch. But, this is where we find ourselves... trying to figure out how to get to Colombia and get settled.

The first step in this process is that I (Nate) am headed to Medellín by myself on a scouting trip. Because we are starting from scratch and we don't know what starting a new life in Colombia looks like with all the bio-safety protocols, we thought that I should go and "spy out the land." So I will spend the next 10 days in Medellín looking for housing and a vehicle.

Please pray for this trip because trying to accomplish those two things in 10 days will be very challenging. Both of those processes require a lot of time, paperwork, and bureaucracy. On top of that, vehicles are especially

expensive in Colombia (due to a hefty 40% vehicle import tax).

Already, though, we are seeing the Lord's good providence. During this 10-day visit, I will have a free place to stay and a driver to help us thanks to an unexpected connection in Medellín (a story of which I hope to share more of in the near future). I will also be able to meet up with Rodney (who I have not seen in person in almost a year) and other pastors and leaders.

Following this trip, I will head back to the USA and we will prepare for the whole Bonham crew to move to the field during the first week of December. There is a lot to do in those few short weeks. We have to move out of the home we have been renting, narrow everything down to a few bags to take on a plane, and make our rounds as we say goodbyes. Would you pray especially for our boys, Luis, Noah, and Barrett?

Nikki and I continue to be amazed by the Lord's grace and providence that he has shown us through all of our ministry partners. We are so grateful for the cloud of witnesses that continues to encourage us, pray for us, and support us financially so that we can serve in Colombia.

And one last prayer request... pray that Colombia would not go into full lockdown again. Covid cases have risen in Medellín and there are rumors of lockdowns. Of course this would be disappointing for us, but more importantly, there are so many Colombians who are suffering during this time.

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