



THE BONHAM LINE

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30 SECOND UPDATE (see articles for more details)

- A successful trip to Medellin: a rental home found, a car purchased, and several interesting connections made
- We have tickets for the first week of December to return to the field in Colombia... finally!!!
- Take note of our new address in Rionegro. We'd love to get your Christmas cards!
- Please consider us for year-end gifts. More information below.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

Thank you so much for your prayers and encouragement in response to our newsletter a few weeks ago. During my 10-day trip to Colombia, the Lord was gracious enough to provide a house to rent and a vehicle. The home we found will not only be perfect for our family, but it also provides a great space as we begin starting a church plant. I can already imagine opening our home for neighborhood gatherings, grill outs, and Bible studies. We were also blessed to find a 2008 Toyota SUV that will not only serve Bonham Academy (our makeshift homeschool name), but also serve as a “bus” for our Colombian brothers and sisters (in the same way that our vehicle in Peru did as well).

Even beyond these material provisions from the Lord, I was able to connect with several people...

-One couple has been driving over an hour to go to church. They ask me how soon we will start planting a church because they are wanting to be a part of a new Reformed church plant.

-I met the next door neighbor of the house we will be renting. Of course he asks where I am from, and I tell him Mississippi. He says he was just in Mississippi last year. I ask him, “Why is that?” All

the while thinking, why would a Colombian visit Mississippi of all places? He goes on to tell me that he went there with the mayor of Rionegro because they have formed a “sister city” partnership with Biloxi and Gulfport. This connection certainly isn’t by chance!

-A taxi driver insists that I write his phone number down. After sharing what I do as a missionary, the message of the gospel, and our intention to plant a biblical-based, Christ-centered church in Rionegro, he shares with me how he longs for a church community. He wants a church home for himself, his girlfriend, and his two teenage kids.

All of these providential encounters only continue to affirm that we are simply following where the Lord is already at work. I am excited to see what He has planned for us in Colombia.

BAGS (ALMOST) PACKED AND READY TO GO

WE HAVE TICKETS!!! Yes, you read that correctly. After having our Home Ministry Assignment (HMA) extended for an additional six months because of Covid-19, we are finally heading back to the field. Though it has been a blessing to

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have additional time with family and friends here in the USA, we know it is time to return to the field. Though a lot of “virtual” ministry will continue, it will be refreshing to have more face-to-face ministry.

Lord-willing, the Bonham family will be in Colombia on December 3rd. Please pray that flights would not be cancelled (which has become frequent during this time of Covid), and that Colombia would not re-close their borders (as Colombia and the US both see a rise in cases).

We have a lot to do before we leave. After my trip to Medellin, we had just a few days to pack up and move out of the house we have been renting. Now we are once again trimming down our lives to 10 checked bags and a few boxes of homeschool curriculum to ship to Colombia. On top of this, of course, we are starting the painful process of saying our goodbyes. This never gets easier. In fact, as our boys get older, this only gets more and more difficult. Please pray for all of us.

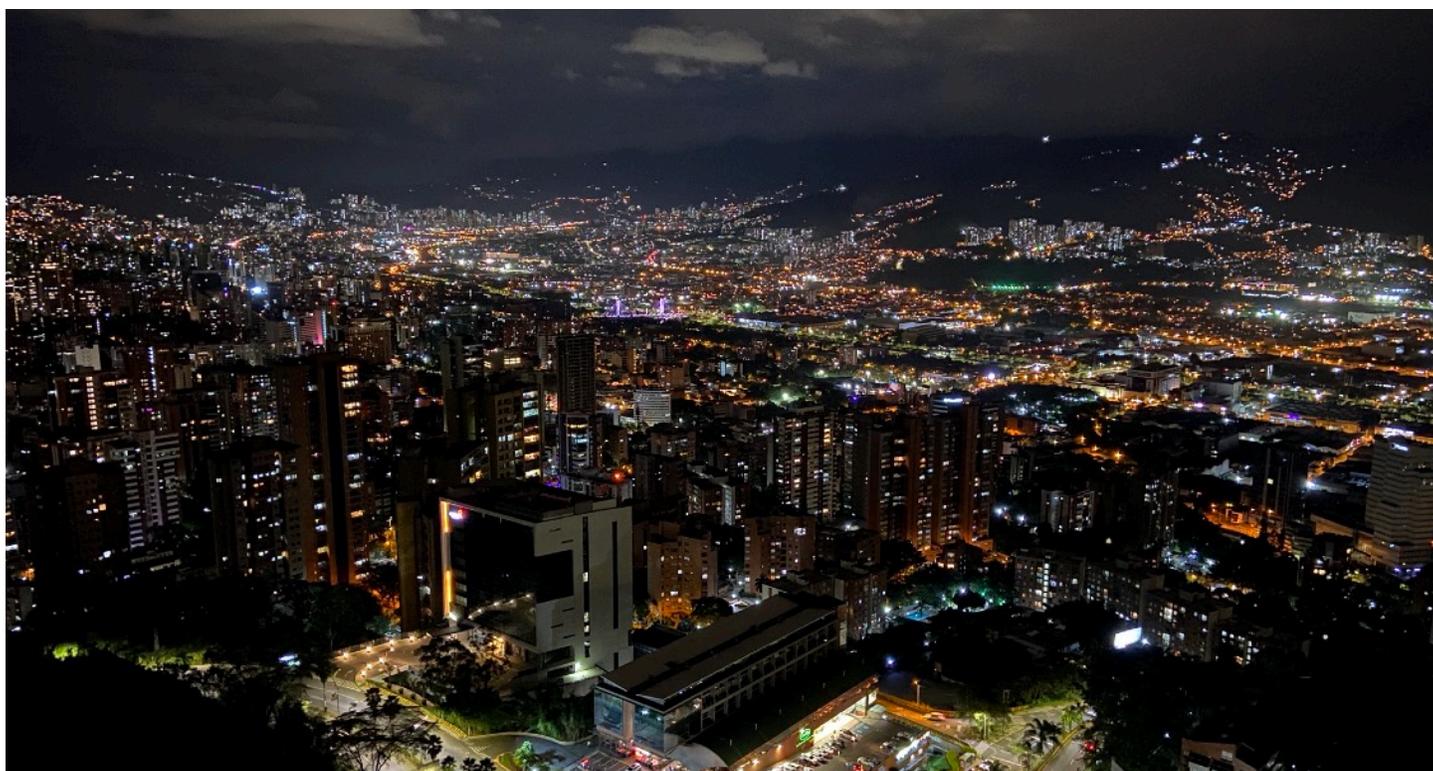
CHRISTMAS CARDS

Now that we have a rental contract, we would love for you to add us to your Christmas card mailing list. Even if your cards don't arrive until after Christmas, it is such an encouragement to our hearts to receive pictures and updates from all of you. Here is our mailing address in Colombia:

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As 2020 comes to a close, please consider partnering with us financially. Scan this QR code to make a financial gift, or see Page 1 for mailing checks.



This is a shot of Medellin from the apartment I was staying in. This is only about 1/3 of the city. Pray for the 4+ million souls of Medellin, Colombia