



THE BONHAM LINE

January 2022

30 SECOND UPDATE (see articles for more details)

- We saw the Lord at work in 2021 in so many ways—from moving to Colombia to seeing a church plant gather.
- 2022 looks to be just as full. We will be receiving our first members, launching ministries, and looking for a potential Colombian pastor for Iglesia El Redentor.
- Thank you to all of those who continue to partner with the ministry through prayer and financial gifts!

2021 In Review

Let us give thanks for the Lord for what He has done! Join us in looking back at 2021 to see what the Lord has been doing in our corner of Colombia. But actually, we are going to start in 2020.

- **Dec. 2-3, 2020** - Bonham Family arrives (Nate, Noah, and Bruno the dog on Dec 2, and Nikki, Luis, and Barrett on Dec 3)
- **Dec. 14, 2020** - McCall Family arrives
- **Dec 2020 - Feb 2021** - We begin meeting neighbors and making contacts.
- **Mar 27, 2021** - We hold our first “Launch Team Meeting” for those we have met who are interested in planting a church in Rionegro.

- **Mar-July 2021** - The Launch Team of around 30 people meets weekly for Bible studies, dinner, and fellowship. Sometimes in-person and sometimes virtual, depending on the ever-changing Covid restrictions.

- **April 21, 2021** - We return to the US for 3 weeks to mourn and celebrate the life of Lacey Madden, Nikki’s sister. We continue meeting with the Launch Team virtually; because of lockdowns in Colombia, in-person meetings are prohibited.

- **May 8, 2021** - The Launch Team adopts the name Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada El Redentor. (Church of the Redeemer Reformed Presbyterian Church)



Most of the original Launch Team (Mar 2021)



First Lord’s Day Service (Oct 31, 2021)

ABOUT US

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- **Jul 15, 2021** - We look for a place to meet because our home is no longer adequate, and sign a contract for a locale just off the main square. We begin improvements to prepare for public Bible studies.

- **Aug 21, 2021** - We hold our first public Bible study on Saturday night.

- **Aug-Oct** - We continue meeting for Saturday night Bible studies and the Lord continues adding to our number.

- **Oct 31, 2021** - We hold our first Lord's Day worship service. Though earlier than we anticipated, we felt it was time.

- **Nov 2, 2021** - We launch the first English Club in hopes of reaching university students.

- **Dec 17, 2021** - We have our first Church Christmas Party.

Though this bullet-point list helps me remember the Lord's faithfulness, there is so much more it doesn't show. It doesn't reflect the countless hours of prayer by you, our ministry partners. It doesn't reflect your generosity through our Amazon wish-list for the church. It doesn't show the sacrifices you make to financially support us on the field. It doesn't include the countless meals we have shared and conversations we have had sharing the Good News of Christ and His church. It doesn't show how God

has been at work in so many hearts. It doesn't show our gratitude to all of you, our ministry partners who have cared for us so well. Thank you!

2022 In Anticipation

We look forward to seeing great things in 2022, as well! Next month we will launch our Sunday school ministry and begin our first membership class. The idea of church membership is something new to a lot of folks, so we are looking forward to teaching about life in the covenant community of the local church. After receiving our first group of members, we hope to launch several more ministries that you'll hear more about in the coming months.

Also, please pray that the Lord would raise up a Colombian to be trained and installed as the pastor of Iglesia El Redentor. Identifying that candidate is one of our main desires this year, and it will help us move forward in our vision to see a church planting movement here in Antioquia (our state in Colombia). There are very few evangelical churches and no Reformed or Presbyterian churches in East Antioquia, which consists of about 23 municipalities. This region saw incredible growth even before the pandemic, but now that growth has multiplied. We long to be a shining light in our corner of Colombia!



Games during Christmas Party



Christmas Lessons and Carols