



# THE BONHAM LINE

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## 30 SECOND UPDATE (see articles for more details)

- We are half-way through our membership class and hope to receive our first members in April.
- We launched our Youth Group as we also prepare some of them to become communing members.
- We are reaching out to University students through English Clubs and Ultimate Frisbee.
- We are networking with our Latin American church planters through City to City.

### Embajadores

In Spanish, “Embajadores” means ambassadors. This is the theme we are using in our membership classes from 1 Corinthians 5:20...

*Therefore, we are **embajadores** for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*

We are more than half-way through our 9-week class, and we are aiming to receive the first members of Iglesia El Redentor on Easter Sunday (April 17).

In the future, we hope to offer separate members (communicant) classes for our youth, but for now, they are currently attending with the adults. We hosted a special lunch to let them ask questions and

further discuss the ideas they’ve been learning. It was amazing to see how much they were picking up during the classes.

We are looking forward to baptisms, receiving new members, and celebrating the Lord’s Supper for the first time in the church plant.

### Youth Group Launch

Speaking of youth, we also had our first official Youth Group meeting! Even more encouraging than seeing all the youth was seeing how many adults have a desire to minister to the youth. The McCalls (our teammates) are providing direction to this vital ministry of the church.



Kids painting the Big Picture of the Bible



First Youth Group Meeting

### 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 (Rionegro), Colombia.

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*Lunch with 10 youth who are in the membership class*

## Getting Old

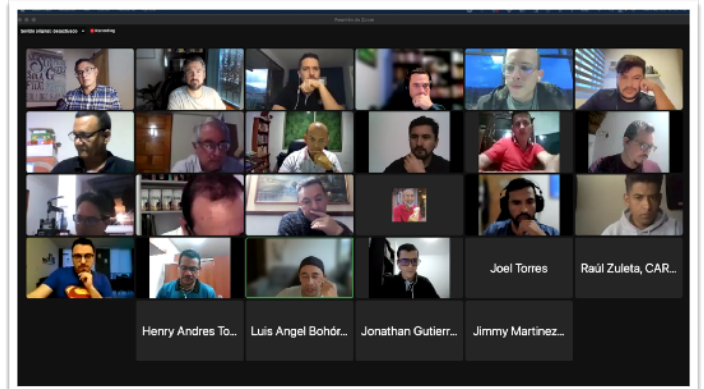
As we've shared before, getting a presence on the local universities has been challenging. We are doing everything we know to do. John McCall is taking a class to be on one campus, we are offering an English Club at the church to connect with students, and our latest adventure is making me (Nate) feel my age! One university has offered intramural sports that are open to the public. "Ultimate Frisbee" is a niche sport that is gaining popularity. I'm not sure what made me think I could get out there and play with 20-year-olds, but here we are. It takes me back to my own university days and my time as a youth director.



*Ultimate Frisbee pre-game huddle*

## City to City

Though we have a focus on local church planting, we must also maintain a broader vision of church planting movements. One of the ways we do this is by serving our Presbytery (the churches in our denomination in our region of Colombia) and through interdenominational networks. One network that is active in Latin America is City to City (based out of Redeemer Church in New York). Nate is participating in the "Incubator" in order to connect with church planters across Colombia. It is encouraging to see these 25+ guys get together and talk about the gospel and church planting. Perhaps the Lord even has the next pastor of Iglesia El Redentor in this group!



*City to City "Incubator" Meeting*



*"Embajadores" Church membership class*