



# THE BONHAM LINE

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

- Iglesia El Redentor received her first members—a group of 40.
- We celebrated the first baptisms of the church and participated in the Lord's Supper for the first time.
- We are looking forward to having Manny and Terri Bersach on our team!
- Find a bunch of pictures below of our worship service, receiving new members, baptism, and the Lord's Supper.

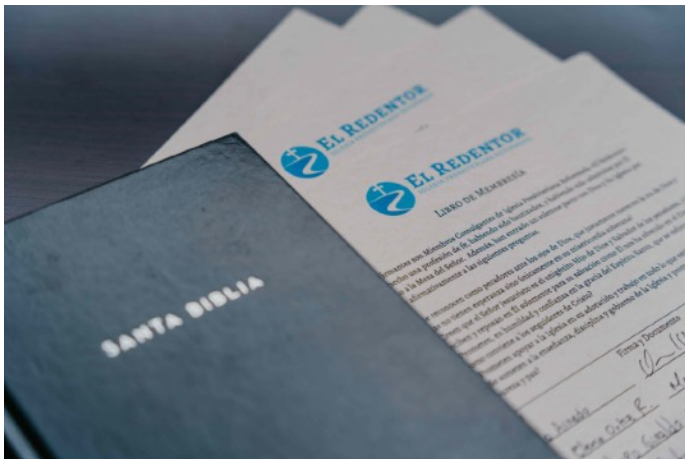
Perhaps you noticed that we missed the month of April for sending out our missions newsletter. It was quite a busy month as you will see, but we'll try to make up for it this newsletter. It is a bit longer than usual, but we wanted to share some pictures.

### Baptisms and the Lord's Supper

We mentioned in our last newsletter that we were in the midst of our first membership course of Iglesia El Redentor. Over 9 weeks we talked about the basics of the Christian faith, our identity in Christ, and the identity of His church. It was a sweet time

of teaching, listening, wrestling with hard questions, destroying misconceptions, and building a foundation upon the Word of God.

The work didn't stop there. After the close of the membership class, I had the exhausting privilege of meeting with each person interested in becoming a member. I say "exhausting" because it was a lot of meetings in two weeks, but it was a privilege to get to listen to their stories, hear their excitement for the mission of the church, and see how the Holy Spirit is at work in Rionegro. It is great to be exhausted by such things! Some, including a few youth, made a profession of faith for the first time.



### ABOUT US

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On April 17, Iglesia El Redentor received her first members—a group of 40. We also celebrated the sacraments for the first time as a church. There were 6 baptisms (a mix of new believers and covenant child baptisms). This was followed by celebrating the Lord's Supper. Some had not participated in years, and for others it was their first time. It was a beautiful and sweet time as we celebrated God's faithfulness in what he has done over the past year—from a small group meeting in our living room to a church family receiving members and celebrating communion.

But in all of this, we remember that this is just the beginning. It is time for us to “lay our hands upon the plow.” There is much to be done as we move towards equipping leaders of Iglesia El Redentor and seeing more churches planted in Antioquia, our region of Colombia.

### Team Growth

It is also a season of celebrating how the Lord is blessing our team. As you know, we are here in Rionegro serving with the McCall family (John, Lorena, and their children). Last month, John preached in Spanish for the first time. This is a huge milestone for any missionary, especially considering that this was only the second time that John has ever preached, and it was in Spanish! Check out this link if you want to listen to it. ([shorturl.at/eiA34](https://shorturl.at/eiA34))

We also have numerical team growth! We are looking forward to the arrival of Manny and Terri Bersach later in the year, Lord-willing. But, you know the drill. They have to raise 100% of their support before they can come to Rionegro. They will both be a wonderful addition to the team as they bring many years of pastoral experience with them. They even served with MTW in Chile in the 80s. As they are already fluent in Spanish, they won't need to attend language school, but can move directly here when they finish raising their support. Visit this link to learn more! ([shorturl.at/ewBJU](https://shorturl.at/ewBJU))



*Manny & Terri Bersach*



*Iglesia El Redentor's First Members (this is almost all of them.)*





*Lord's Day Worship - April 17, 2022*



*Our worship team*



*Youth making a profession of faith.*



*Preparation for covenant children baptisms*



*Reception of celebration after the worship service*



*Nikki, Lorena, and some of the ladies of the church*