



The Howells Church Planting Missionaries To

Colombia

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In more great news, the couple that started coming to church last month through the English class pulled me aside the other day and told me they realized they need to get married. They shared that they knew this was what God wanted for their lives, so they have officially started marriage classes with us each week. This is in addition to their regular discipleship classes, English classes, and church services. Praise the Lord for the work He continues to do in people's lives! Both are saved and have been baptized, but they realized that getting married was the necessary next step to live correctly before the Lord. Please be in prayer for them as they grow and move forward in their commitment to follow Him in marriage.

We were also able to visit a small town about three hours from here this month where a new Baptist church is being started. It was a blessing to help them pass out flyers and tracts to the community. Beyond that, we traveled even further south in Colombia to visit several other small towns. Please pray for more churches and laborers to work in these areas. There are literally hundreds of towns here that do not have a single Bible-preaching church. Many people we talked to during our visits actually asked if we would consider starting a church in their specific town. The need is truly great.

This month, we also took a trip to Bogotá for Yessica's final meeting regarding her visa approval. Unfortunately, the visa was denied due to a new law that restricts some 72 different countries from receiving visas, and Yessica's home country was on that list. They informed us that we could apply again in a year if the law happens to change before then. While we were really hoping to come home for a furlough soon, it looks like we will be staying here in Colombia for at least one more year before we are able to return. We trust in God's timing for our travels.

MacGregor also started discipleship this month. He has been attending church for a few months now, and another man in our congregation who recently finished his own discipleship asked MacGregor if he would like to study the Bible with him. He agreed, and now they meet every Tuesday at the church to study together. Praise the Lord that we are seeing members take up the torch and begin teaching others!

Additionally, a 22-year-old young man in our church has started helping to lead the singing. He also began discipleship with me on Saturdays. Please pray he will continue to grow in the Lord. It is wonderful to see members stepping up to serve; while Yessica and I were in Bogotá, he led the singing and handled most of the service. We serve a great God!

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