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Dear Praying Friends & Family,

We have experienced an incredible two months since our last update! Between emergency surgery, church growth, travel, a medical clinic, and hundreds of salvations — God has been so good.

"YOU SHOULDN'T BE ALIVE!"

As I mentioned previously, since last year, I had been dealing with occasional abdominal attacks. The doctors here did not know the cause. I decided to go another route and pay out-of-pocket to be seen by the best gastroenterologists in our city and get the care I needed. They quickly did more tests and found I had an umbilical hernia that was getting strangulated. Between October and June, I had ten severe attacks. According to the doctors, I should not have lived through them. But God must not be done with me yet! The surgery in June was simple, and I have recovered well since then.

"I CAN FINALLY SEE!"

At the end of June, we hosted a team from Medical Missions Outreach to do a vision clinic for our city and surrounding area. Over four days, we served 938 people, nearly all of whom received glasses (and sometimes two pairs)! Each person also spent time one on one with personal evangelism workers from our churches, and over a third of them made professions of faith! Praise the Lord! Many waited for hours, and even days, to be seen. Unfortunately, we had to turn away thousands of people who we could not accommodate. The desperate need was humbling. After receiving glasses, one happy elderly person cried with joy and told us they were glad to finally see with their eyes, but also with their heart. They had just trusted Christ for salvation. Now, the real work begins. Pray as we follow up with each of these souls and get them connected into discipleship and community in one of our five churches.

"IS THERE A CHURCH IN MY AREA?"

Since arriving in Colombia in 2013, we constantly hear this question. Unfortunately, there aren't enough churches to adequately help our city's population and even less so the surrounding towns and villages. Even after the medical clinic, in which we had people travel hours to come to us, we received multiple requests to start churches in these other areas. The need is great. There is so much more to do. Though we are actively training many Colombian and Venezuelan men and women for ministry, we pray that God raises more missionaries to come and help. Will you help me pray for more laborers in this ripe harvest field of Colombia?

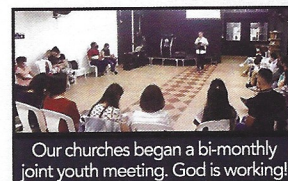
"I'M READY TO LET GOD TRANSFORM ME."

One of the recent converts in our church has had a very messy past. Jaime was heavily involved with drugs, gangs, violence, addictions, crime -- you name it. After hearing and believing the Gospel, he told me he's ready for a change. As we sat over lunch last week, he expressed, "I don't know what the future looks like for me, but I'm sure not going back to the past; I'm ready to let God transform me." He's still a bit rough around the edges, but I love seeing how the Gospel changes lives. It works.

Aubrie and I are so grateful for each of you. Your prayers are precious to us. Your monthly and one-time financial support is used by God to provide for each of our needs and to reach more people on the mission field. Your notes, cards, emails, and texts encourage us more than you will ever know. Thank you. We hold you close in our hearts and our prayers. May God bless you.

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;" -- 1 Thessalonians 1:2

To Magnify Christ,
Aaron & Aubrie Vance and family



Our churches began a bi-monthly joint youth meeting. God is working!



Thousands came to be seen at the vision clinic. Many waited for days!



The MMO mission team, along with 50 volunteers from our churches, did a fantastic job at the clinic.



Our soul-winners shared the Gospel with everyone who came through the clinic.



Anabel turned 9 in May. She and her older sister were big helpers as interpreters during the Vision Clinic!