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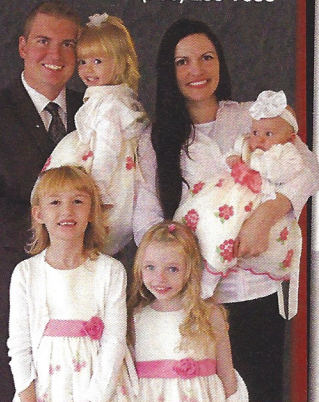
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Dear Praying Friends & Family,

Hectic and crazy are words that could easily describe February and March. At the same time, we have seen God's blessings in abundance. People are getting saved, baptized, disciplined, and commissioned. It's great to serve the Lord in Colombia!

CHURCH AT CAPACITY

All of the churches here are growing! Our newest work, Agape Baptist, is especially busting at the seams lately. After just over a year, we are now at nearly 100% capacity! Over 150 people gather each week to study the Word, encourage one another and serve together. Several were recently baptized, and we just presented another 30 new people for membership. We enjoyed a joint men's camp with our other churches in March. Nearly 50 men set aside a couple of days to "be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." (2 Timothy 2:1). We praise God for working in raising up men for his cause. Christ is building his church! Speaking of buildings, though, pray that God gives us wisdom for our next steps. We would love to purchase our current facility and the adjacent property, but it will cost quite a bit. If this is God's will, we trust Him for the funds.

BIBLE INSTITUTE BACK IN SESSION

In February, we launched a new semester of Bible and ministry training. This year we have a record high of students, with over 60 adults attending classes! Besides our basic Bible and hermeneutics classes, I meet weekly with 25 men who especially want to train for the Gospel ministry.

ROBBERY AT CAFÉ MADRID BAPTIST

Our second church, which we started around five years ago, is in one of the most dangerous communities in our city. In all these years, we never had any problems... until this February. Somebody stole nearly everything — almost all the chairs, fans, sound equipment, food, and even the children's ministry craft supplies. After it happened, I posted this on Facebook, and two of our supporting churches responded almost immediately with special gifts. Thanks to Lighthouse Baptist in Georgia and Community Baptist in North Carolina for your generosity!

GOD STILL WORKS MIRACLES!

I am still healing well after being run over by a truck in January. Therapy has been brutal, but it's the good type of pain (if that exists!). The doctors told me two months ago that the tendon that controls my index finger was severed, as I had no movement whatsoever in that finger. The orthopedic surgeon said this could only be repaired through another surgery, though so much time had passed since the accident that the likelihood of a full recovery was low. Miraculously, I have regained movement and some strength in that finger. The doctors are confused, but we praise the Lord — He still works miracles!

SCHEDULE FOR FURLOUGH 2022

We will be back in the US from May 2022 through January 2023 for a furlough to give an update to our supporting churches and try to raise more monthly financial support for the growing ministry. Our calendar is already starting to fill up. If you would like to schedule us, please email me at aaronlvance@gmail.com or call/text at (678) 696-0082. We'd love the opportunity to come to share what God is doing in Colombia. Many of you receive our update letters but are not yet part of our support team. Would you consider partnering with us to continue to carry out the Great Commission?

In Christ's Humble Service,

Aaron & Aubrie Vance

(Along with the girls — Amira, Anabel, Aris, & Alethea!)



Pastor Félix baptizing an 80 year old convert at our first church, El Faro.



Our Man Camp was a great success. Thank God for raising up faithful men.



One of the best things about the Bible Institute this year is seeing graduates now teaching some of the classes!



Amira turned twelve in March! She is becoming quite the seamstress too (she made this dress).

"For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God;"

— 1 Thessalonians 3:9 —