THE HART FAMILY IN COLOMBIA







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"His Abundant Pardon"
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Praises:

- For Progress In My Recovery
- That Martha's Is Better
- For The Faithful In The Church
- For Provision, Health & Safety

Prayer Needs:

- For Help In Evangelizing
- The Need of Spiritual Leaders
- The Lord's Guidance
- For Our Health And Safety

To The Lord's People Who Go To Him In Prayer,

Thank you for allowing us to communicate with you again by means of our Prayer Letter. The winds are more comfortable and the rain has stopped. On the practical side of living, the unemployment rate for Valledupar has been 17.6% while the national average is 6.3%. National inflation in November was at 12.53%. Crime is still on the rise. Things are slowly getting more dangerous.

Things Moving Along

November went by pretty fast. We started off the month with my surgery to remove my thyroid glands. We had to get quite a few things done in preparation to have the surgery. Before we went to the hospital, I had the highest blood pressure that I had ever had in my life. It was over 180 over 100 something. We did not know if they would go ahead with the surgery or not.

Things went well with and after the surgery. I left Bogotá and spent a couple of weeks in Tunja and attended Church there as I was recuperating. I also used that time to renew my drivers license. A little over a week after the surgery, I had a fever for a couple of days. It appears to have been some sort of a virus. For several days of being in and out of the altitudes, I had a lot of problems with my blood pressure going up and down.

Our Health And The Church

Martha had an irregular heartbeat. The cardiologist said that she should not fly on a plane until they got that checked out. On the 11th. of December, we had a group visit us from the island of San Andrés. The group is from the oldest Baptist Church in Colombia. We had a few problems with the electricity in the Church. Although we strived to get that fixed before the group came, due to maintenance by the electric company, we were still without electricity the day they were with us. I tried to preach as loud as I could, but lost my voice a couple of times. After that, I headed back to Bogota, then we headed to Yopal for Martha's nephew's wedding. Thank the Lord, the cardiologist gave her the OK to fly again. The neurologist diagnosed me as having early stages of Parkinson's disease. I have started taking medicine for that. He suggested for me to not have surgery for the bad disks I have in my back.

Follow Ups & Other Things

At the end of January, the surgeon wants an ultrasound and an MRI done to assure that all the cancer is gone. After that, he wants to use radioactive iodine to get anything remaining. I am slowly getting used to taking the medicines. Still, there are checkups that I am years behind on in getting done. We do not know how things will be this year, but we see the need to be closer to better health care. Please pray that the Lord guide us where to minister and be closer to the care we need. Brother Simeon has been in charge of things at the Church during my absence. Although he has a very busy schedule, he has been a great blessing. Please continue to pray for him and his family that the Lord help him continue to prepare for the ministry. He suffered the unexpected loss of a nephew that was with us in the services for a short while several months ago. Please help us pray that the Lord would provide help and a way to turn the Church over to someone. Please pray for to us as we continue to evangelize and trust the Lord to guide us as we begin this new year. We are constantly reminded of our dependance upon the Lord. Thank you for your prayers and faithful giving. You are a blessing.



The Hart Family Michael, Martha, Hannah, & Timothy Is. 38:20