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Dear Praying Friends & Family,

DIFFERENT LOOK, SAME GOSPEL

Sometimes, the ministry looks different overseas than in the USA. Sometimes, the ministry even looks different from place to place in the same city! For instance, in the past month, one of our churches baptized several new believers in a nearby river, another did baptisms in a portable wooden and fiberglass baptistry, and yet another baptized converts in an inflatable jacuzzi. Though we adapt to the culture and the available resources, what unites us is the same faith in the same Gospel!

SUCCESSFUL YOUTH CAMP

In August, we organized our own youth camp for the first time. Several dozen teens and young adults from our local churches gathered over three days to learn about our new life in Christ. It was a joy to lead this camp and see God work in the lives of many of these young people. I was also blessed as some of the other pastors we've reached and trained over the years helped me preach through the book of First Peter with these teens. Not too long ago, these pastors were curious university students investigating Christianity themselves!

BUILDING PROJECT OBSTACLES

We have recently faced challenges in purchasing our current rented facility for Agape Baptist Church. We are getting close to our initial fundraising goal of \$200,000, and we have recently received several designated gifts from our friends and supporting churches. However, the owner has raised the asking price in our negotiations. At the same time, the dollar has come down about 25% in value compared to the Colombian Peso since last year. With those factors, we still need around \$45,000. We need your help! Would you consider giving a tax-deductible gift toward this need? The clock is ticking to finalize this purchase before the end of the year. We are looking for other options, but our current building is still the best fit. May God's will be done!

FAMILY NEWS AND NEEDS

In August, we enjoyed another visit from my Mother-in-law, Juanita. She is always a blessing to us. And, like the rest of our family on both sides, she has always supported our move to the mission field so well. It has been said that parents and grandparents often sacrifice more than the missionary families themselves.

Despite the many recent blessings, our family is facing another challenging season. We have felt the weight and pressures of ministry, spiritual oppression, financial hardships, and health needs. On top of all the other medical issues Aubrie has already been facing, she has a tumor that will be removed in October. It will be sent to pathology to see if it is cancerous. We appreciate your prayers for this and many other needs.

We thank God for being our faithful and strong rock through every stage of life and ministry. He is worthy of all praise, and no sacrifice can ever be too great for him. And once again, thank you for your faithful prayers and support. May God bless, guide, protect, and provide for your needs.

I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works. I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High. — Psalm 9:1-2

For Our Faithful God,

Aaron & Aubrie Vance

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



Pastor Nelson baptizing one of five new believers at North Baptist (Café Madrid).



Pastor Félix baptizing one of four new believers at Lighthouse Baptist (El Faro).



Pastor Juan baptizing one of five new believers at Agape Baptist.



The youth camp, "Reboot" was a great success! Thanks to those who prayed.



Our girls love their "Mamaw!"



Every year on the day our son passed away we look for a boy or two to give a small gift to in his honor. Our neighbors sure enjoyed this tradition! Amaziah would have been four in September.

