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Dear Praying Friends & Family,

What a year it has already been! Join us in rejoicing over God's blessings on the ministry here in Bucaramanga, Colombia.

## THE REFUGE OF LIFE CENTER

In February, we launched a nonprofit feeding and education center in conjunction with our church in the Café Madrid neighborhood. We are serving around 50 underprivileged children each day. We provide a hot meal (often the only food they'll have all day), help with their homework, and—most importantly—offer them hope. The children receive daily time in the Word, along with mentorship, counseling, and practical discipleship tailored to their individual needs and maturity level. We're already seeing fruit from this program!

A project of this magnitude is quite costly. A generous donation from Impact Others helped us start strong, and we're now working toward launching small businesses to support local families and ensure long-term sustainability.

## DISCIPLESHIP INITIATIVE

Christ's mandate to make disciples has always been at the heart of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18–20) and the core of our ministry. This year, we reorganized our format and efforts at Ágape Baptist Church as a pilot program for our other ministries, and the results have been fantastic!

We meet in several small groups, each comprising 4–12 people, all of whom are reading through the Bible using the same reading plan. Each person highlights verses and passages that stand out to them, and we meet weekly to pray and discuss those highlights. Additionally, we incorporate outside readings to cover doctrine and the Christian life. It's a reproducible and sustainable model, and I have high hopes for the long-term fruit it will bear.

## MEN'S RETREAT

In March, we once again organized and hosted a camp for about 50 men from our churches. Over the course of a few days, we explored Scripture, focusing on the process God uses to form, purify, strengthen, and prepare us for spiritual battle. I thank the Lord for the way He is forging these men of valor!

## MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS

We celebrated Aubrie's birthday and Aris's 10th in February, and in March, Amira's quinceañera—a special Latin American tradition marking her 15th birthday and her transition into young womanhood. We're proud of the godly young ladies our daughters are becoming!

*Isn't it amazing to be part of God's work? We thank you for your prayers and financial support, which enable us to minister here in Colombia. This is eternal fruit—and it abounds to your account!*

With Grateful Hearts, Aaron & Aubrie Vance  
(Along with the girls — Amira, Anabel, Aris, & Alethea!)

*"Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account."*  
— Philippians 4:17



Kicking off "Refugio Vida" with an awesome group of volunteers from Impact Others.



We praise God for the chance to give a meal to those in need. (James 2:14-18)



Training faithful men who can teach others also. (2 Timothy 2:2)



Javier is one of several who recently followed the Lord in Believer's Baptism. He is in one of our discipleship groups.



I'm thankful for these men, and the opportunity to pour into their lives.

