



## An ALTARed Perspective!

Dear Friends,

Have you ever pondered the keys to success? I certainly have and over the last year Patty and I have gone even farther, we have frequently pondered the keys to survival!

While there are many, one key that has got us through 2020 and is our theme for 2021, is to go from a normal perspective to an alTERed perspective and then to an alTARed one.

We all had to change gears with Covid and there have been many things we have not liked, but we had to take all of it to the altar. In Colombia, everything we have accomplished and are dreaming of doing, has been the result of taking our fears, hopes, dreams; even anger and frustration, to the altar.

In that place of sacrifice, worship and belief in a God of miracles, we have heard His voice and been able to receive the guidance that has enabled us to minister to thousands - even in the worst parts of a crazy year.



Grace, Peace and Love,

*Darren, Patty, James & Darien*

## Celebrate Christmas Report

In a year when many ministries had no gift programs, we felt more challenged than ever. With our YWAM partners, Carlos & Elsy Lamprea we set a goal to bless some 2000 children with a Christmas present from Jesus.

So how many gifts did we give to kids in Bogota, Quibdo and other areas of the country? - in a year where many children received nothing at home? **We lost track - after we had already distributed 2300 presents** to some very needy and very grateful kids!!!



Thank you all for being part and supporting our efforts!

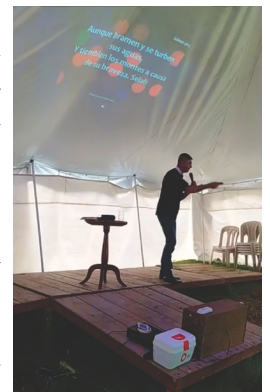
## What! Nomads?!



Let us introduce you to Pastor Jairo (high ro) and his nomadic church in the town of Saboya, a village close to our ministry projects in Chiquinquirá.

Pastor Jairo and his family lead a church plant in a town that has little evangelical influence. When Covid hit, their church, like so many in Colombia, found themselves fighting to survive. Just in Chiquinquirá, *20 of the 25 evangelical churches had to turn in their rented buildings*. Some of those may never reopen.

But Pastor Jairo and his family were able to borrow a tent and pitch it on some equally borrowed land, down a long dirt road in the country side. In this humble setting, the church has been worshipping for the last year.



Our prayer and theirs, is that God would provide the way to purchase land on the edge of town. This will allow them to pitch their tent in a stable location until they can build, but they will immediately be able to reach the community.

We are starting to look at land options even now. No, we do not have the funds. YET! (about 25k), but we feel that God is moving us to help this church become a permanent influence in their community.

**We cannot help every church, but maybe we can help one church...** and then another... and then???

## Nocaima (no kai ma)

Nocaima is a town of some 9000 souls west of Bogota, home to a growing 50 member AOG church.

Half of the Nocaima church is a prefab of stone slabs and tiles that are coming apart at the seams. Now, we are more than Half Way to changing the future of this congregation!



Our initial goal is to demolish the prefab section and put in proper footers, columns and a structure that will later allow for a 2nd floor - permitting the sanctuary to double in size!

So far, we have raised 8 of our 15k goal! We hope that in the next few months God will take us all the way to our target.

### The Fam - Prayer Points!!!

- for safety and health
- for peace in turbulent times
- for new vision and PROvision
- for James in his studies and his occasional bouts of home sickness
- that God would open the doors (borders) so that we can visit Canada and James!!! this summer.



Darien & his cousin  
Abigail

## Food Relief, (Final?) Report



**Final is a relative term.** Last April, when we started to respond to the supreme food shortages brought about by Covid work stoppages, we imagined giving out a couple hundred food packages over a few weeks.

However, by year end, between our efforts and our ministry partners, that number ended up being more than 2500 food packages distributed in several communities.



**Covid in Colombia** is presently on the decline. A few short weeks ago we were seeing some 22,000 cases daily, but now we are down to about 4000 cases daily and most quarantines have been lifted. Also, vaccination efforts are starting slowly.

So while our large scale relief effort has drawn to a close (we think!), we will continue to help certain communities as we funds and the need dictates in the months to come.

Just as Jesus had a group of people who sustained Him (Luke 8:1-3), we also depend on God's provision as expressed through the Body of Christ. *Please partner with us through your giving!*

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