



The Making of a Miracle

Dear Friends,

Four months, 20,000+ km (not counting flights), 22 churches and a ton of visits in 2 provinces... whew! Our summer was busy and productive. And yes, we did find a little downtime!

But, we still only managed to visit a small fraction of our Canadian friends and supporters. **There are so many folks that we would have liked to catch up with.**



However, our primary mission was accomplished. **Darien**, was able to find a summer job, packing onions in Leamington & was successfully installed in Waterloo just a couple of weeks ago to start his studies in Arts and Business.

Our other critter is now in the final phase of his studies. James has completed the academics for his degree in Geography & Aviation and just recently passed his multi engine flight exam (pic below).



By December he will have done the last of his flights hours and qualifications as a Commercial Pilot. He is already looking for work, just about anywhere in Canada where they will hire a new pilot!

And Patty and I - Just trying to figure it all out as we ramp up work in Colombia. It is VERY hard to leave your children a continent away, but we are back in Bogota and looking at doing some news things in our **New AbNormal!**

San (Saint) Martin

You might wonder how we select the projects that we take on. After all, we see dozens of worthy options each year. ***It's really all about hearing God's voice in the whisper*** (1 Kings 19:11-12). Let me tell you a story:

Not quite 2 years ago, I was in a local pastor's meeting and was asked to share for a few minutes. So, I felt impressed to share with them on the moral DEBT that they have to the world, to missions and with sending out workers, especially as a denomination that was founded by missionaries.

Colombia is starting to send out workers, but there is so much more to accomplish and Colombians are also mandated to **"Go Into All The World."** Yet, there are still so many churches that do not support ANY national missionaries.



Pastor Victor's Church

The goal of this chat, was to simply encourage them to support their own workers, but at the end of the meeting Pastor Victor came up to me with a thank you... and an offering! This elderly pastor, from a small rural church, gave me (what was for him) 2 or 3 day's wages!

I was shocked and the memory of that meeting stayed with me for weeks, a memory that God used to whisper to me about doing a scouting trip. So, a few weeks later, with my friend Pastor Alex from Chiquinquirá as a guide, we made the 3 hour drive on some very "interesting" mountain roads and visited Pastor Victor's small country church.

Cobbled together from old wooden boards, with plastic sheets hanging from the ceiling (to keep the bugs from falling into people's hair), their small rented building was home to a congregation of some 40 dedicated souls. Not waiting for a

handout, they had already purchased land around the corner and were preparing to build as soon as God allowed.



And God whispered again, so we decided to give them a little push. First we sent them \$2000.00 of materials to see what they would do with the provision. Then they cobbled together some more and put in the foundations & started on the walls of their church. **They multiplied the blessing!**

So, we then we spoke with another pastor friend from another denomination. From his small, very poor church, they do missions by sending out building teams. Armed with another 2k in materials and some more thrown in by the San Martin church, the team continued raising up walls, even as they prayed over the church and shared in Sunday service.



Now, just a few months later, the church has its sanctuary built, the roof is on and they even have their services here instead of that little rented shack with the leaky roof. Pretty soon they will put the doors and windows on the front and they will continue building as they are able.



That is how God makes a miracle, how He speaks about new projects, 1 whisper & 1 step of obedience at a time.

Once Around (part of!) the Ministry

- Chiquinquirá, **the Father's House** has seen some great progress over the last few months. The kids now have a new playground that will also serve the school's, preschool.



And in October a team will be arriving from Brampton, Ontario to raise up the 1st walls of the Gymnasium!

- **At the Refuge** Boy's home, we are getting ready to paint & lay tile on the 2nd floor. There are still kitchen and bathroom's to think of, but the end is in sight! More info to come soon!

- **In Moniquirá**, Pastor Albeiro has been busy, with a big push from his own church. They have managed to paint and stucco their sanctuary as well as rough in the walls of the Sunday School. With our help, they will soon put in the bathrooms.

- **Bibles**, with several distributions while we were away, inventory is low, but we are still planning more door to door activities. Each Bible delivered makes an impact.

- **Community & Medical Outreach**, This weekend, we will once again be serving hundreds of people in one of the neediest neighbourhoods in southern Bogotá.

WARNING!

Annual Projects List Coming Soon!

Within the next week or so, stay tuned for our annual e-mail, **Project - Ing Forward**. This is a laundry list of projects, big and small, as well as a wish list of year end gifts for several children's homes and ministries around the country.

Much Love!

Darren & Patty

Just as Jesus had a group of people who sustained Him (Luke 8z: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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