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“Remain faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life for a crown”

Rev. 2:10b CJB

IN TENNESSEE AND BACK HOME TO CALI...

Each month seems to go by so quickly. My four days in Nashville with the three-day One Voice Messenger Conference under the leadership of Steve Fry was very special. The majority attending were from the USA, although some also represented ministries from other places. There were representatives from three European countries and two of us from Colombia. It was so refreshing to hear what the Lord is doing in His church. The depth of the messages shared by the members was outstanding and encouraging.

When I returned home my daughter Abby, her husband Shane, along with their three children were here from Costa Rica. They work in CR with children who have been abused or trafficked and now they were invited by a local church here to minister on healing for those who have suffered as victims. Abby is a counselor and Shane works closely with the many aspects of the ministry and its administration. Their being here was very special for me. Unfortunately, I arrived from the conference with a virus, so my time with them was limited due to illness; but it was still great to see the family and see how God is using them.

Abby and I took out time to visit her tía (aunt) who was the first Colombian I had led to the Lord in the late 1960s and who had become part of our family. Even though our time was limited, it was great seeing the family and grandchildren who are growing up too quickly! Solomon, who is 14, is 6 ft. 3 in. – taller than his tall dad! What a reminder of how quickly time passes and a challenge to use our time to the fullest.

THE MINISTRY GOES ON...

The work of the Lord that we started in the late 1970s continues under our pastors, Luis and Lore Agudelo. They are doing an excellent work leading the ministry along with the support of our ministerial team,



Shane, Solomon and grandma



Visiting “Tía”



Juan Carlos leading worship.



The Holcombs with the Wardenaar

Working with People



Shane and Solomon

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, after experiencing the Covid pandemic, I felt that a similar situation would probably be repeated and that I needed to encourage the members of our church who were coming from far distances to attend churches closer to their homes. We see it very important to have a church family close by, especially when difficult times come. Of course, it was difficult to direct them to leave as most of them had come to know the Lord through us and had been with us for years. Their leaving was difficult, although we are still in touch with them.

It coincided that as they were leaving, other families who live closer to our church began attending. Many of them are young couples and most of them were new Christians or came to know the Lord with us. The Lord had worked it out so that they arrived when I began stepping down as senior pastor, and Luis and Lore were stepping in. It was really a perfect transition.

Thank you so much for being part of this ministry through your prayer support and contributions. We ask for prayer for wisdom these dangerous days. Please pray for the students in our school as we come to the end of the school year. Although the majority of the children faithfully attend their youth group and church, they seem to see it as the cultural thing to do rather than a real relationship with the Lord. We are believing and praying for a fresh move of the Spirit that will bring them into a vibrant and real relationship with the Lord. Also please pray for our country and Cali, our city... more of this below. May the Lord richly bless you.

Yours in His service,

Ruth

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The family,,,,,



Solomon and Julia at the city park



As you can see, these are big guys... I barely come up to their shoulders.





Here is the family with the Wardenaaars, the pastors of a fairly new church who invited the Holcombs to minister healing those who have been hurt. The Lord used them and it was an excellent time. They have been friends for years...some since childhood.



This is "Tía" with Abby and me. She will be 90 next month. She was delighted with the visit.

We are are with her two nieces who were visiting



Juan Carlos is leading worship... In his college years I walked with him and discipled him, not knowing how much he was taking in. Now he is married to a fine Christian girl, they have a son who is now in kindergarten. It is such a joy to see those we have invested time in to see the results.



Our church family...

More news and need for prayer

Please pray for President Petro and our country

For years the president was a leader of a guerrilla movement and in our last election he won the presidency. His vice-president is an indigenous witch. He is now talking about rewriting the constitution, which was last rewritten in 1992 and included freedom of religion and several other important issues. But now the president is saying that he wants to remove even the preamble of the constitution which grants everyone the freedom to worship God as they see fit.

He has also declared that in October he is going to officially dedicate Cali (which is known for the revival of 1995 and for its Christian churches) to witchcraft. Three pastors came to talk to me about this last week and about what the church should do concerning this plan. I personally believe we need to start with 2 Cron. 7:14 and ask the Lord to show us where we have sinned or taken things lightly. In 1995 we were enslaved by the narcos.... Now we have this situation.

Please pray for us... we have six months before the designated time of the dedication, but it is NOW that we need to seek His face, hear from the Lord, repent and humble ourselves before Him. Please support us in prayer and for the president's and vice-president's salvation. Our only answer has to come from God... we need to hear His voice and follow as He leads.

We are most grateful for your prayer support. May this bring about a real move of God in the nation and may thousands come to genuinely know the Lord. Please stand in prayer with us that the enemy's plans will be thwarted.

