

The Boyds to Colombia

A good start to the new year

Thank you for your continued prayer support in this new year. We've seen God answering a number of requests in the ministry here in Santa Marta.

Our Sunday attendance has continued to grow to the point where we are thinking about how to best use the available space. We've had between 60-75 people, average, for the last month with new visitors every week. Our church's air-conditioners no longer keep us very cool on Sunday mornings. "Perspiring" is a blessing when it means that the church building is reaching its capacity.

We've been keeping very busy in the last two months. Holly has been busy teaching Eliana in home-school and helping Lucas with his homework from the Christian school. Not to mention that we now have to be on alert, since Jason started walking (and getting into everything). I just finished a sermon series on the Psalms, which the people seemed to appreciate. We looked at Psalms 95, 51, 139, and 118. This

last Sunday, Scott, Alfredo and I team-preached Psalm 23. We thank God for the privilege to preach His Word and to see how He uses it in people's lives.

We've tried to improve our prayer service on Wednesday nights by including a short teaching on prayer, some songs that deal with the topic, and a time of personal and corporate prayer. **Pray that we would grow as a church in making prayer a priority.**

In the second hour of our Wednesday night service we've started another rotation of *The Story of Hope* and *The Way to Joy* Bible studies. Angela is one person who has been faithfully attending the study. She is the wife of Juan Carlos Barraza, one of our most faithful men. When he first started attending our church last year, he told us that his wife was very difficult to reach. She didn't want to have anything to do with a Christian church. For some reason, she decided to come once and see what our church was like. She loved holding our little Jason. The first week must've left a good im-

pression because she has continued to attend every chance that she gets. **Please pray for Angela's salvation.**

Alfredo, Scott, and I finished our initial draft of the by-laws of the church. We are hoping to send them to the lawyer this month to begin working together to get Impacto Bíblico legalized before the Colombian government. **Please pray for this process as it can often take two years or more.**

We are also planning on starting an informal discipleship with several men who have leadership potential. We want to study different books with them, share in a deeper accountability, and discuss ministry with them. **Please pray for Eduardo Rocha, Juan Carlos Barraza, Arnulfo Pava, Alfonso Mozo, Germán Prada, and Roberto Chiquillo.**

Missionaries to Colombia — Sent by Campus Baptist Church and ABWE

Prayer requests:

- > Angela's salvation
- > As a church, that we would make prayer a priority
- > The church legalization process as it can often take two years or more
- > For the discipleship of : Eduardo Rocha, Juan Carlos Barraza, Arnulfo Pava, Alfonso Mozo, German Prada, and Roberto Chiquillo
- > Campus Baptist group: That God might impact the city of Santa Marta and the lives of these students and adults
- > Our children's growth in the area of thankfulness

Websites

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www.abwe.org



One-year anniversary service

Christian film in the park a failure (in some ways)

We were thrilled to see our co-worker Scott take the lead in developing the ministry of showing Christian films in public parks. We showed our first film, *The Climb*, last month with one minor hitch. Just as we were almost ready to start, a group of people began arriving right behind our screen in the meeting area of the park. They set up speakers and chairs. Unbeknownst to us, the Catholics were going to have a mass (the president of the neighborhood had assured us we had full use of the park). You can imagine the chaos of having a mass on one side (with a charismatic Catholic priest) and our movie on the other. Their lights shined through the screen during the whole movie making it almost impossible to see anything. A number of people left because of this unfortunate conflict. Although the outreach failed in many ways, it was a blessing to see a number of our church people step up to serve in this ministry. We learned a number of lessons and look forward to better results the next time we present this ministry.



Angela, Juan Carlos' wife

Campus Baptist ministry team

We've been scrambling to prepare for a ministry team of ten people (mostly high school and university students) that is coming from our sending church this Sunday. They'll serve from March 11-18. We're looking forward to doing cleaning in a city park, street and sports evangelism, teaching English in two private schools, a youth activity, and helping with our Christian film ministry in three different neighborhoods. **Please pray that this trip would impact the city of Santa Marta and the lives of these students and adults.**



Thanks for your continued prayer and financial support!

Yours for Colombia,

Jonathan, Holly, Lucas, Eliana, Marcos, and Jason Boyd

Kids' corner

The kids have reached several milestones since we last wrote. **Jason** turned one, and we publically dedicated him to the Lord last Sunday. **Lucas** is studying at a Christian school and doing pretty well. However, he hates homework—which he never had before! **Eliana** sang her first special music at church and invited her friend's family. They actually came; but left early—the mom is very Catholic. At least they came and stayed a little while! **Marcos** is our little clown. However, he loves to pray—he says it's his turn every meal. **Please pray for the kids' growth in thankfulness.**



First baby dedication at our church—John Mario and Jason