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### **Summer Stories**

As most, our summer was an eventful and blessed one! As many of you know we got to spend a few weeks with Melissa's family in Alaska where her sister and brother-in-law serve full time in the ministry at Glacier View Bible Church. Glacier View is a really special church family for us because they are not just one of our partnering churches, but also one of the first churches Melissa got to present her ministry to back in 2011, while she was a single missionary. They have been praying for and supporting our Colombian journey through prayer and now financially for many years! What a blessing it was to be there, all together as a family SERVING the Lord.





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We had a great blend of serving in various ministries of the church and in the surrounding areas of Glacier View. Melissa got to teach with her sister in their VBS program, while Juan got to help in the game time. Juan preached and taught in various settings including this wonderful missionary pilot training grounds called Kingdom Air Corps. One of the most important summer stories is simply enjoying our family. It has been four years since we were all together! Nicole and Brian planned a wonderful two weeks for us to serve and yet just be together enjoying their Alaskan home. We celebrated Melissa's Dad's stage four cancer victory and Emma's and Nicole's birthdays as well. We made lasting memories!





### From Hotel to Church Home

A few weeks after returning back to Colombia, we transitioned out of having our Sunday worship services in the hotel to having our very own church location! We are so excited to announce that we are celebrating six weeks of having our new church Subscribe Past Issues Translate

to prayer! The church property has so much space for our own parking, a lot of land on the property for church outings, retreats, Xtreme Life kids events, and large gatherings. We are in walking distance to a popular mall and in the heart of a ton of housing communities. Only God could have answered such a prayer! Thank you for partnering with us in our prayer for the church to have its own home!



Prayer time with the church planting team in our new church facility.



Celebrating our new church location with some of the leaders.



Juan and Carlos leading worship.



Xtreme Life Bible Club

# **Working Together**

We are just so thrilled to be where God has brought us and the team He has allowed us to be part of since first moving to Colombia almost three years ago. We celebrate how the Lord brings people together to serve Him, what joy it was to see everyone working together to paint, get the church cleaned, and organized this month.

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## **Investing for the Kingdom**

Regular ministry life continues; discipleships, evangelism, teaching, preaching, and investing our lives in others for the Lord. This month has been a particularly very busy one. Our life group started with new families and we are exited to see how God has been working in these families lives. Melissa has been investing in one woman in particular and was invited to share the word of God in her bridal party. She also has been directing Xtreme Life's kids camp that is coming up in October 10 to 12. Please pray that God will allow all the details of the kids camp to come together.





## **Our Family Life**

Juan has continued on with his Masters in Divinity degree at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He took a few summer classes and is now on the fall semester. He has excelled with all As in each class and semester thus far, even in the midst of having a pretty rigorous schedule. Praise the Lord for his hard work and success! Melissa started the new homeschooling year in the beginning of August.

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the time to hear how God is working in this part of the world and reading about all our summer stories. God sure has sustained us and provided for us in ways that only He can. Thank you for partnering with us and partaking in His Kingdom work here in Colombia. We are so grateful for you!

Your Missionaries in Colombia,

The Santafe Family





### Join Our Financial Team

We ask that you consider partnering with us on a monthly or one-time bases as we continue to bring the gospel here in Medellin, Colombia. During the past year of the pandemic there have been some that have not been able to fulfill their commitment in partnering with us. If the Lord has given you the tug on your heart to partner with His work here in Colombia, please click the link below and follow the steps. We sure are grateful for your prayers and constant financial giving https://avantministries.org/missionaries

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