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### Season of Waiting

Since last updating you back in June the Lord has been bringing us into a season of waiting and trusting in Him. We have run into a serious complication in the renewal of Melissa's Colombian marriage visa. Since May we have applied three times for her visa, but each and every time there is a problem in the system. They have not been able to locate our Colombian marriage license that we did in New Jersey before moving to Colombia five years ago. The Colombian embassy in Bogota has recently given us an important document that we could use to reapply for her visa. This is the last attempt before having to go to the Colombian embassy in NYC to fix this issue. We please ask you to pray along side of us regarding this current obstacle. She has until the 8th of November to remain in the country without this visa renewal. They have already given us a very costly sanction because of passing the deadline of renewal, although it is no fault of our own. The broken system has been evident through this process. The visa application is in process of review right now, so we should hear something soon. Please pray!





While we were in Bogota we had the joy of spending time with some of Juan's family, half of Juan's family traveled to Bogota so that we can all go to a family wedding together. It was a blessing to be with family for a few days. Juan was also invited to teach and preach at a friend's church while we were there.

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## **Season of Unity**

Ministry has had its blessings and burdens. There is constant work to be done, discipleships, ministries to lead, and needs to be met. The blessing is that Melissa and I have been able to serve side by side a lot more over the last few months since the girls have entered school: teaching together, discipling others together, and house visits together. It has been a beautiful season of serving the Lord as a couple.





We were blessed to be reunited with Melissa's family as well, her sister and brother-in-law who pastored one of our supporting churches for many years were able to come and visit us in Colombia. It was a blessing to be unified together in moments of mutual ministry discouragement.





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### **Season of Faithfulness**

The Lord has called us to serve Him faithfully and we continue pushing forward faithfully in the pastoring of people's hearts here in Gracia y Verdad and in our community. Juan continues to train leaders and one of those areas we mentioned in our last letter was training some youth leaders for the teen ministry. The ministry has grown so beautifully over the past few months. They were able to go as a group to a weekend long Bible conference for teenagers. The spiritual impact of that conference continues to flourish in the teens lives. This picture was from last week's youth group meeting.



Juan continues in his teaching and preaching ministry along with weekly discipleships and investment in people's life through counseling. Melissa has had a lot more opportunities to teach and disciple women and sees a shift in her ministry emphasis from children's ministry to women's ministry. Something she swore would never happen! Until there is someone to lead Xtreme Life with passion and a ministry heart, she is continuing to coordinate that ministry as well.







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## Season of Growth



As we continue to shepherd the hearts of our children, please pray for our daughters. That they will not just hear and know the Word in their minds, but allow the truth of God's Word to transform their little hearts. Our greatest concern is that growing up on the mission field and having parents in full time ministry, that they will become numb to the Lord and His Word. Please pray along side of us that we will wisely protect them from that temptation.



Juan is currently at Avant Ministries in Kansas City, Missouri in a leadership training conference all week long. Please pray for this time to be of great blessing and a spiritual enrichment for him. Pray for Melissa and the girls as they stay in Colombia waiting his return. We are forever grateful for your partnership and endless support both spiritually and financially. Thank you! Please reach out to us, it brings us no greater joy than to hear from you. Many blessings! Your missionaries to Colombia!

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