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### **Childlike Faith**

Thank you so much for all your prayers! The Lord showed His sovereignty in beautiful ways the last month regarding Melissa's visa situation. The Lord used the faith of our oldest daughter to teach us a beautiful lesson. The week Melissa was leaving with Ellie, Emma our 8 year old, continued to say to us that God can give us the visa this week, God can give us the visa. We continually told her that He probably won't based off the way our visa problems have been. We were trying to help her be realistic based on the circumstances and patterns over the last eight months. God rewarded our daughters childlike faith, teaching us an important lesson through her example. He showed us that His power far transcends the corrupt government and political strongholds that many times seemed to difficult for us to understand. If we just believed His power as Emma did maybe we wouldn't have even bought the plane tickets in the first place... Well, we did buy the tickets on the very last day Melissa was allowed to be in the country and literally hours before her flight her visa was approved!! Can you imagine Emma's response to this news? Well she cried, as we all did! She was sure to remind us a few times that she believed in God's power and knew He could give it to us! What a lesson of childlike faith. Praise the Lord we are all together in Colombia now. Melissa was able to enjoy a week in NJ with her family since the tickets were not refundable. We still are seeking God's will for future decisions, as we know that transition is still in our future as Gracia and Verdad becomes more and more self-governed and less in need of their missionary church planters. Please continue to pray for us in being sensitive to the Lord's leading and timing in those decisions. Thank you sincerely for your prayers over our family.

Merry Christmas from the Santafe Family



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