## The Time Has Come!!!

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We were so blessed to be able to spend the month of December and half of January with some of you during our short furlough. We were amazed to see how God provided for our family and ministry projects during our time together. Thank you for those who opened their homes, churches, and schedules for us to share what God is doing here in Colombia. What a blessing it was to be reunited with you! For those that we were not able to see or churches we were not able to visit, we sure hope that we can schedule a time together very soon!





When we got back from our East Coast trip, we hit the ground running. During our time in NJ, Juan received some incredible news. He was accepted into the Masters program at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. The time has come for Juan to finally pursue his Masters degree, PRAISE THE LORD! He is currently taking three classes on-line this semester. We ask for prayer as he navigates balancing his time with school, ministry, and family.



Small Group Leaders Training

This month has been the month of reconnecting. We reconnected with our Family Porch families as well as reconnecting with the church plant. We hosted the first church service of the year a few weeks ago and Melissa along with a few other moms launched the children's Bible club ministry as well.



Strategic Planning and Praying

We have been back for five weeks and it has been amazing to see how God is moving things along in the church plant. We have had some very strategic meetings with Carlos and Yaneth, the church plant staff. Juan facilitated a small group leaders training with three couples who will be taking on the responsibility of leading life-groups.



Family Porch









Carlos led us this month in an incredible church plant leaders retreat, unifying the core group of leaders in this church planting work. The retreat was divided up into various segments, each of us leading a different segment. It was very exciting to see how the Lord is growing leaders and equipping us to share in the responsibility in serving the Lord and the body of Christ.



Time has finally come for us to launch the church!!! We will be launching weekly services starting on March 5th. We were able to find a temporary location for the next few months until we find our permanent church building. We are so incredibly excited that we will be officially starting in just a few weeks. We have a lot of things to do before the first service, so please pray along with us for God's provision, blessings, and that all the details will fall into place. As always, we are so blessed by your faithfulness to the Great Commission by your partnership in prayer and finances. Thank you, we are eternally grateful!

Your Missionaries to Colombia,

The Santafe Family

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