Colossians 2:6-7

Current Conditions in Colombia

Our hands are very tied in terms of what we can do during this time of quarantine. We are on a mandatory "Stay-Home" order. The order we are under is not a request or suggestion; it is a direction that comes with a 1,000,000 peso fine (a month's wage) and up to 4-8 years in prison if we disobey the order. We can only have one person leave the house at a time, and only for food or medications. There are also various parts of the country that have used ID numbers to restrict the days and times that we can buy food. Thankfully this has not yet been applied to us, but they have put in place gender restrictions. On odd days of the month men are allowed outside and on even days women are allowed outside. Still, we are only allowed one person at a time and only to buy food or medications.

We cannot host any meetings, church services, or Bible studies in person. We cannot visit anyone's home. We cannot have contact in person with others. We can teach Bible Institute classes via Zoom. We can make videos and share them with the families from our church and post them online for other kids to see. We can pray continuously. We can study God's Word. We can host discipleship and small studies via video calls. We can encourage others through calls, videos, and emails.

Pending Plans

Last week, the World Reach Team here in Colombia worked hard to host the Bible Institute via Zoom. We are so grateful to Christian and Simon for helping to make this Bible Institute class cycle a success. The students were very encouraged by our time

studying together and voted to have a second week of class this week. We are studying Romans together through an inductive form of Bible study.

We are continuing to make children's Bible videos in English and Spanish. This has been our best way of encouraging the kids in our groups during this time. If you are looking for Bible lessons for your kids feel free to check them out by typing "Bible with the Barretos" in the YouTube search bar or visiting this link https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOiWpAUUAUknKKV sHWJ9pg to see the videos we have posted.



In this time, small groups and one-on-one times of discipleship are continuing as well. We are especially thankful for technology during this time, because it has given us the ability to continue serving in ministry.

Answers to Prayers

We have been so blessed by the Hand of God at this time. About a week ago we became aware of 2 families here in Bogota that were facing tremendous economic needs. One family needed financial provision for food and the other is facing financial difficulties after medical complications occurred with their new born son. In this time of need we all joined together to pray, not knowing how God would provide for this need, but fully trusting that God was bigger than the need these two families were facing.

A few hours later, while checking my Facebook, I realized that I had received a message from someone that I didn't know. As it turns out, God had placed it on this person's heart to help a family in Colombia, but she did not have any contacts here. So, she searched for missionaries in Colombia and my husband and I came up in the search results.

She was able to donate to the ministry we serve and we were able to use this to bless both of these families. Thanks to God's prompting and her generosity, 2 families received an incredible blessing in the form of physical and economic relief. The one family received food for more than a week so that she and her 3 kids could eat. The other family received financial provision so that they could continue visiting their newborn in the hospital and provide money for medication and diapers during his time.

We feel so blessed that God allowed us to play a part in this miracle that he orchestrated. We knew many families in need before this quarantine situation and that need has grown exponentially since. We are so thankful to have been able to help these 2 families and are praying that God will enable us to help many more in the following weeks.

Prayers:

- For the ability to help more families during this time of financial need. Especially for the families that live paycheck-to-paycheck.
- □ For God's continued provision during this time.

Praises:

- □ For technology and the ability to continue meeting with small groups during this time.
- God has protected our family both in the States and in Colombia. We are all safe and well.

If you are interested in supporting our ongoing ministry financially with either monthly or one-time giving you can do so in a few different ways.

- 1) By going online to https://world-reach.org/ and clicking on "Donate Now" then select "Andrés and Kayla Barreto."
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P.O. Box 26155

(Checks should be made out to World Reach)

Birmingham, AL 35260

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