

### Current Conditions in Colombia

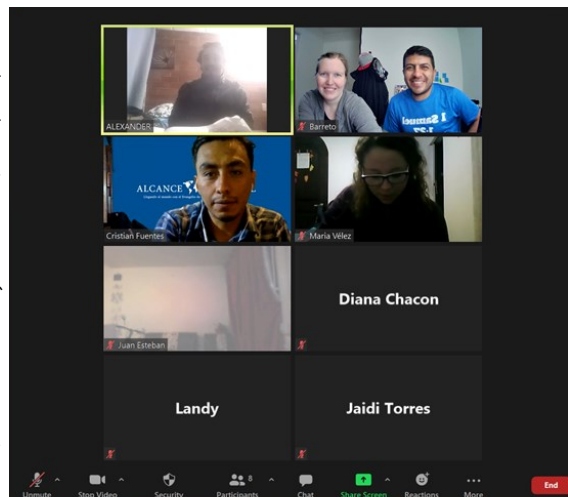
As many of you may have seen in the news and social media, there is a lot going on in Colombia right now. During the entire month of April the mayor of Bogota instated a 3-4 rule. This entailed 3 days of quarantine (Friday-Sunday) and 4 work days. She also reduced work hours. In some zones of the city people could only work from 10am to 6pm. This caused an even greater economic crisis and seemed to be the "final straw" for the people here in Colombia.

Last week the nation began protesting and called for a national strike. Since then there have been riots and protests daily. We have stayed home during this time as much as possible, but have had to get out to complete some paperwork for Eliana's Colombian citizenship. Thankfully, the riots tend to occur in the afternoons and evenings which has allowed us to make appointments in the mornings and avoid any danger. We hope to have Eliana's birth certificate and passport in a week or so.

### Ministry Update

As you can probably guess, ministry has been a bit more difficult during this month. The ideal time to visit house-to-house (which is our current format for ministry due to government restrictions) is on weekends. However, during the entire month of April we were in quarantine on weekends and unable to leave our home. We have called and texted many of the families, but we cannot wait until restrictions are lifted and we can visit them again.

In the meantime we are enjoying the blessing of extra time as a family of 3. We are also continuing to write Bible studies for kids and adults. In April, we also helped to facilitate the latest Bible Institute class. This was the last formal class for this group of students. We look forward to classes with our new students. Their official classes will begin in July.



### Prayers:

- For continued health for Eliana and that she will continue to meet her growth goals.
- That the challenges with Eliana's Colombian papers would be resolved quickly.
- For wisdom as we look at ways to start visiting the families in person for Bible studies while still being cautious of the health and wellness of our newborn.

### Praises:

- Even with all of the restrictions placed by the government, the Word of God never returns void. We are trusting God in all of this. Even though we haven't been able to do all of the ministry we would like to, we praise Him for the ministry opportunities He has allowed us to take part in.

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Up to this point, some of the marches and protests have been peaceful. However, as tensions rise we are seeing more violence and vandalism. Protesters have been blocking main roads and burning tires to prevent traffic from passing. Police officers have been increasing the force they are using to break up many of these protests and riots. Many city bus stations have been excessively damaged.



We have been staying home and safe during this time, but we wanted to share a few pictures that some of our family has taken this week. We share these photos asking for prayer for the nation of Colombia. Prayer for wisdom for the government officials and the decisions that they make. Prayer for safety for all police officers and citizens. Prayer for a solution. Prayer for peace. Pray for God to intervene. Pray that some way, some how, people will come to Christ through all of this. Thank you for joining us in prayer.

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