

Spring 2023

Barreto Family



Colombia Missionary Retreat

Every year we get our World Reach Colombia Missions Team together to pray, plan, and prepare for the upcoming year. World Reach has 6 missionaries serving in Colombia. We had a few more people attend the retreat in addition to our team and their spouses. Rick, a US based missionary, came to help lead our team in various studies and discussions about caring for our families while serving in ministry. Our Bible Institute accountant also came to help train us so that we are better equipped to adhere to local financial reporting requirements. At this retreat we were also blessed to be accompanied by the Latin American Bible Institute director and his wife who helped to lead our team in devotion times.

These 4 days together encouraged our team spiritually, provided much needed fellowship, gave us a few moments of rest, and allowed us to start planning for camps, Bible Institute, and other ministry projects for 2023.

One of the meetings during our team retreat.



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Words of Encouragement:

- ♥We glorify God when we take care of our family: God first, family second, then ministry.
- ♥It is ok to say "no" when necessary. "No" is a valid answer.
- ♥As a parent, we need to **MAKE THE TIME** when our kids want and need to talk.
- ♥Taking care of your family is **HEALTHY, BIBLICAL,** and increases the possibility that you will serve more time in ministry.
- ♥To **KNOW** God is to understand that he is present and involved in **EVERY** moment.

All of these quotes were taken from teachings, discussions, and devotion times during our team retreat. We pray that they encourage you as much as they have encouraged us.



This is just one of the groups of kids who received school supply kits. In total we gave out 75 kits.

School Supplies

God has done amazing things already this year!!! Through the help of 12 different people (friends, family, Youtube friends, Colombians, Americans, Etc.) God provided some AMAZING school supply kits for all of the kids in our church. If you want to see what all went into these school supply kits, check out the following video: <https://youtu.be/F8lnLk4BFW8>

We praise God for allowing us to provide this academic need to the kids and teens in our church. Without YOU this would not have been possible.

Already, multiple parents have come to us to thank us (and you) for this incredible gift. Multiple families let us know that without these kits, their kids would not have had any school supplies to start the year because they could not afford to purchase them at this time. They were so grateful that God provided the materials necessary for their kids to start classes. THANK YOU!!!

This was also a great way to reach out to families and share the Gospel with them. We had lots of teens and adults visit the church for the first time to receive the school supplies. Each of them was able to hear about who Jesus is. Our prayer is that they will continue attending our weekly church services.



This is an example of the kits that we gave out to our preschool aged kiddos. The older kids and teens also received notebooks and folders.

If you would like to partner with a one-time gift or recurring monthly gifts to provide the support we must raise for the mission of World Reach to serve in Colombia, here is more information on how to do so:

To donate online, go to world-reach.org/donate to give once or set up a monthly gift via credit card. We also offer the option to give monthly via an Electronic Funds Transfer from your bank account. This is our preferred method because you will incur no third party processing fee, and the transfer can be set up by going to world-reach.org/donate and clicking on "EFT Giving" at the top of the page. You can preference your support by selecting "Andrés and Kayla Barreto."

To give by check made payable to World Reach, mail to the address below with a note indicating your preference for supporting "Andres and Kayla ministry":

World Reach
P.O. Box 26155
Birmingham, AL 35260-0155

Praises

The Missionary Retreat went well and was encouraging to us all.

The Bible Institute classes in Cordoba and Medellin were a success. Classes have been planned in Medellin for the rest of the year. We are still looking into Cordoba.

God has continued to bring new families to church in Bosa.

We were able to give out 75 school supply kits and still have 25 or so more to give to kids.

Landy (one of the World Reach Bible Institute Graduates and a member of our church plant) has agreed to take over teaching the kids' Bible studies on Thursday nights. This will allow Kayla to attend the adult study and get to know the adults in the congregation.

Prayers

For the physical and spiritual health of our extended families. Both of our families have had fairly big health concerns throughout this past year and we appreciate your prayers for continued healing.

For physical health for Andres and Eliana. January and February have been filled with one cold after another. We need healing and rest.



These are just a few of the packages that were donated with TONS of school supplies for our kids. God is so good and we are so grateful for your prayers and participation in ministry here in Colombia.