

BARRETO FAMILY// SPRING 2024



Family Update

We arrived in the United States at the very end of January in preparation for the birth of our daughter. We landed in Missouri at Kayla's parent's home. After a little time with them and some special visits from family we drove the 11 hours from Missouri to Colorado.

To our surprise, an 11 hour drive ends up being a lot longer when traveling with a 3 year-old and while 8 months pregnant. Thankfully we made it safely and have settled in to the home of friends and fellow missionaries here in Colorado.

As I am writing we are about 2 weeks from baby girl's arrival. After a few concerns in the middle of pregnancy, we are so thankful to be able to say that both mom and baby are healthy and well. We cannot wait to meet our daughter in just a few short weeks.

We are already so in awe of God's provision for our time here. Please continue to pray for health and a smooth delivery. Also pray as Kayla's family will be traveling (from all over the US) to accompany us during delivery and baby girl's first month. This is a huge blessing and we are so thankful that we will have support and someone to be with Eliana during labor and delivery.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Seasons of life and seasons of ministry change, but God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

In the moments when you don't know what else to do... pray.

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Ministry Update

We are so thankful for technology as we travel. Technology has enabled us to maintain weekly prayer, Bible Study, and Sunday services with our church back home in Colombia. We certainly miss seeing everyone in person, but we are so grateful for the ability to continue to study God's Word and pray together until we return to Colombia.

In addition to weekly church services and meetings with our Colombia missionary team, we have also been able to connect in-person with various churches here in the US. Since arriving we have been able to visit 3 different churches. We have been able to share ministry updates with churches and worship with local churches as well. We are still focusing on our ministry in Colombia (online), but we have also been blessed to connect with local congregations.

Praise the Lord for both cell phone data and Wifi!

We have held services: in the car while driving through Kansas, in McDonalds, in hotel lobbies, and in various friend's and family's homes.

It hasn't always been perfect, but God has provided a way every time we have needed to connect for a meeting or church service!!!



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

"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

PRaises

- Smooth travels.
- We are all healthy.
- God's provision here in Colorado (car, housing, medical insurance, etc.).
- We had cell service in Kansas every time we needed to teach online! (if you know KS, it's a miracle ;)
- Our congregation in Colombia requested weekly online services. Praise God for their desire to continue to know Him.

PRAYERS

- A safe and healthy delivery.
- Quick processing of all of the paperwork baby girl will need in order to travel to Colombia (US birth certificate, Colombian birth certificate, US passport).
- Grace and mercy as we transition to a family of four.
- The ability to continue to serve the church in Colombia as we travel.