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SERVING WITH WORLD REACH IN COLOMBIA

Dear brothers and sisters, time continues to move forward. We come again to the end of another year and there is no other way to end it than in thanksgiving to our God for Jesus Christ who makes it possible for us to enjoy His favor every day. I invite you in this last letter of the year to remember with me the works of our God here in Colombia and to say from the heart: **Hallelujah, thank you Lord!** I hope it will encourage you to remember the works our God did in your life this year as well and celebrate.



2 colombia team meetings
(January and September)



4 MBI classes in Medellin
(February, May, August, November)



Marriage: An invitation to
know God's covenant love and
Faithfulness (March)



Youth camp "The Truth"
in Armenia
(October)

**I shall remember
the deeds of the Lord;
I will certainly remember
Your wonders of old.
I will meditate on
all Your work,
And on Your deeds
with thanksgiving.
Ps 77:11-12**



Walking with others together
as we come to know the Lord



Being The Church with
my local church



-Perseverance-
God continues to make all
things work together for
my good



Trip to El Salvador.
An invitation to see God
working in another place
(July)

And the list could go on and on as I list every moment, conversation, teaching, or project undertaken. I thank the Lord our God for the opportunity He has given me to serve Him in every work He has placed before me this year for His glory, the welfare of others, and my own. In these works my beloved, you took part with your prayers and support of World Reach. How gracious God is to us that in addition to saving us, He gives us the gift of working with Him.

I pray to the Lord that each of you will be enriched in a greater knowledge of Christ and His great love for us.

I wish you a blessed and happy new year 2025 in which as that hymn says, you:

“Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.”

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Looking forward..

Some prayer requests as 2025 begins...

- For a life of surrender and love for God on a daily basis.
- For a greater knowledge of the person of Christ.
- For a heart of compassion and genuine sorrow for the souls of those who do not know Jesus.
- That we may fix our eyes on Christ as we walk through our marriage.
- For wisdom to find a part-time job for my husband that will allow him to devote more time to training for the work of the ministry (he currently has a full-time job) and perhaps for the possibility of him being able to attend seminary.
- For discernment to choose a new place to live that better fits our needs and budget.
- For wise time management.

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.
- **World Reach has a new office in Alabama!** If you support the ministry here in Colombia by check, please be sure to update your address book, since the old P.O. Box will no longer be open.

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