

# SIMON AND LAURA FLOREZ

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## Grace upon grace

It's Sunday, January 14th, 10:00 pm. Laura and I are heading to the hospital. She has had continuous contractions for 6 hours. The hour for our baby to come is getting close. It's 6:40 am, January 15th. We are at the hospital. Laura and I have been separated. She is in a separate room, living the toughest physical pain in her life so far and I am in the waiting room. Finally, they let me in. It's 8:46 am. Our baby has come to the world and I am thinking "Is this real?" One verse comes quickly to mind:

*"He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?" Rom 8:32.*

Now we have our baby. Her name is Belén. This is the Spanish name for Bethlehem (house of bread). Her name reminds you and me of God's provision and care. He is in the midst of the pain and everything works out for our good and His glory. Please join us in this new ministry ahead of raising children for the glory of God in the fear of the Lord. This is a great joy for us to welcome our first baby girl. The Ministry itinerary will slow down a bit these first few months, but amazing things are coming for 2024!



### Colombian Retreat

*“Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another” Proverbs 27:17*

From January 6th to 14th, we had a wonderful time of prayer, planning, and fellowship with the World Reach Colombian team. We were thankful for the amazing results and progress of 2023, but also challenged by the big landscape of need among pastors, youth, and individuals. What if every single church we plant or are part of sends one missionary family abroad? Would that make the difference? How many Bible Institutes do we need in Colombia to transform the Colombian culture?

## Prayer Requests

Please pray for:

- Good health for Belén and recovery for Laura. Wisdom in raising Belen
- Raising support. We are looking for ministry partners who would like to invest in reaching and training pastors and youth in Colombia. My budget has been decreasing due to continuous traveling and teaching
- Youth camp in October
- Trip to Amazonas in May
- Creativity to work on writing the counseling class for WR
- Stamina to endure ministry challenges and understanding God’s purposes

### Want to become a partner in Ministry?

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](http://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](http://world-reach.org/donate) and clicking on “EFT Giving” at the top of the page.

To give by check made payable to World Reach, mail to the address below with a note indicating your preference for supporting “Simon and Laura Florez ministry”:

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

*Simón, Laura & Belén*