

SERVING WITH WORLD REACH IN COLOMBIA

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SEPTEMBER

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these". Matthew 19:14

Laura and I are grateful for the great privilege of serving God through serving our neighbors, in this case, children and youth. Laura continues teaching two groups of children aged between 4-12. They love her pregnant belly and they can't help hugging her all the time. Please pray for the wellness and spiritual life of these children, that they may really come to know Jesus.



I (Simon) traveled in September to two different places along with WR missionary Rick Searle. We taught there “how to know the Lord”. It was encouraging to have many people approach us and thank us for challenging their way of knowing God. Some of them told us that they had never considered it grace to be able to know our Lord. It is really a privilege to get to know Him through His Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit He has given us even in the midst of difficult situations.

OCTOBER



In October we were able to put together a youth camp. 40 young men and women attended and it was amazing to experience the wonderful time we had in God’s Word and simply building relationships with the youth. I am grateful for being able to start a process with many of these young men and women. To get to know them better. To get to know their challenges and struggles. To know their family background and abuses. It has not been easy and sometimes I grieved for conversions and radical changes in them. But the more I work with some of them the more I realize how patient God has been with me and you and our struggles in life. How good is our God who calls us to be part of His amazing people! Please pray more of these teenagers and youth will turn to Him.

NOVEMBER



How many of you think that grammar is important? Well, in November I taught a Bible Institute class in Medellin called “Grammar and Spiritual Disciplines”. In that class, I was able to challenge the students to take a deeper understanding of the Scriptures by simply paying attention to verbs, nouns, idioms, adverbs, etc., and their relations. But more important than that, I was able to talk about prayer and meditation and how those have an important impact in how we study God’s Word.

Testimonials

I promised in our last report I would tell you some of these kids' stories. As you see their faces in the picture below, can you tell that one of them is struggling with homosexuality? Did you know that three of them are (or have been) struggling with drug addiction? Two of them lost both parents to a heart attack and cancer. At least one of them has suffered sexual abuse multiple times. It's a hard thing to get them to open their hearts to you. It is the work of the Holy Spirit to take that stone heart and change it into a heart of flesh. It is important to put a face on your prayers. So this is an important opportunity for you and I to pray specifically for the salvation of these youth. May we be faithful in spreading the seed and wait for God to reap the harvest.



Prayer Requests

Please pray for:

- Strength and good health for my wife and our baby as we continue doing ministry. The baby is due on January 22nd.
- The exploratory trips to launch Bible Institutes (Chigorodó, Córdoba, Amazonas).
- Continuous opportunities for discipleship and evangelism among teenagers and youth.
- Raising support. My wife Laura has officially joined World Reach this year (June). We are praying and seeking opportunities to find partners in ministry who will pray for us and share our ministry with others. We will need to increase our budget for traveling and basic needs for Belén (our daughter).

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 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.

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