

CROSSCOLLABORATION



Monthly Newsletter - April 2012

BONHAM & KINES FAMILIES
Missionaries to Colombia

Colombia from 10,000 Feet...

Our team is excited about putting our feet on the ground in Colombia for the first time this month. We will be traveling to Bogota, Colombia on April 19th and returning home on the 22nd. The purpose of this trip is to figure out a host of practical issues regarding language school, housing, team dynamics, and ministry opportunities. With this trip on the forefront of our mind, we thought it would be good to give you a before and after look at where we will be living for the next two years. This month we will start with a before look of what we know of Colombia, deriving most of our information much in the same way you would...Google.

First of all, **the fun facts:**

1. Colombia is the largest miner of emeralds in the world, possessing over 75% of the world's emeralds.
2. Colombia is the 2nd largest exporter of flowers in the world, providing 70% of the flowers imported in the U.S.
3. Colombia is bordered by 5 countries as well as the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean, and boasts one of the most diverse landscapes in the world, consisting of highlands, rainforests, and tropical grasslands.
4. Colombia is roughly twice the size of Texas
5. Bogota, the capital city and where we will be living, houses a population of roughly 9 million (New York City is roughly 8.08 million).

Second, **the not so fun facts about Colombia:**

1. Colombia is positioned along the Pacific Ring of Fire causing frequent earthquakes and often disturbing its 15 active volcanoes.
2. Colombia records the 2nd highest number of internally displaced people in the world due to years of civil war and violence induced by drug cartels.
3. Colombia records the 2nd highest population of street children in all of Latin America.
4. It is the world's largest producer of cocaine and heroin (\$10 billion yearly).
5. The fastest growing religion in Colombia is Islam.

Though Colombia boasts some of the most beautiful and awe inspiring work of the Lord's creational power; it has also faced the devastating effects of the fall. It is in need of the Gospel and the redemption offered to every man by the power of the cross of Jesus Christ. We go to be a part of what the Lord is doing to spread this Gospel of the kingdom to all nations (Matt 24:14).

Upcoming Events:

April 19-22 - Initial Visit - Bogota, Colombia

April 27-30 - First Reformed Church - Pittsburgh, PA

May 5 - Madison Heights Church will host yard sales across Jackson to raise funds

July 1-31 - Cross-Cultural Ministry Internship - New York, NY

August - We hope to leave for Colombia IF we have 100% support pledged

Please Pray For...

1. for our time in Colombia this month--that it would be fruitful for planning & relationships.
2. the sale of the Kines' home in Madison, MS
3. the Lord to raise up ministry partners to support us financially... we are getting close!
4. PRAISE GOD FOR HOW FAR HE HAS BROUGHT US OVER THE PAST YEAR!!!

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Our Team:



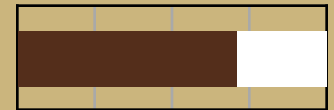
Josh & Emily (Howton) Kines
Nate & Nikki (Travis) Bonham

What are we doing?

In a nutshell: Our two families will be serving as missionaries with Mission to the World. We will be serving with the missionary team in Colombia for two years to be trained in language, culture, and cross-cultural ministry. After two years, we will move to a to-be -determined Latin-American country to plant churches where the gospel has not taken root.

Monthly Support Status

71% Pledged (3/2012)



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