

Missionaries to Perú

training in
Bogota, Colombia

"Welcome to Bogotá, Señor Gutiérrez!"

Alicia and I could not be more thankful to hear this greeting! That welcome represented the culmination of the work of thousands of prayers, more support-raising miles than we could count, stamps, envelopes, speaking engagements, conferences, training, paperwork, box-packing, setting up and tearing down pack 'n plays, luggage-hauling, government-office-waiting, goodbyes and a 4 1/2 hour flight!

We landed in Bogotá on April 6th, went through immigration and customs without any problems, and soon thereafter, we met our team (Rick and Pam Box, Peter and Jenny Boling and Wes and Hope Parsons). We spent 6 days living with Wes and Hope and talk about a warm welcome... they embraced us as family. Wes and Hope had blocked off the entire week just to serve and minister to us. They drove us around, they held and fed our kids, they helped us scour the internet for furnished apartments, oriented us to the good ATMs, told us which taxis/buses to take, where to shop, how to rent an apartment and what the going rates were. To give you a peek into the type of people our

teammates are, Wes and Hope even threw Alicia a birthday party we will never forget, and Wes even snuck me a dozen roses to give to Alicia knowing fully well that I would have no opportunity to slip out and get them myself. Talk about watching out for your brother!



Hope and Wes, our generous hosts

If you have ever moved to a third world major city at 8,500ft, you can probably picture the disorientation, the

chaos and the fear. Your prayers made our transition here so incredibly smooth that it was unreal. We, a family of four, moved in with a family of five and came out friends! Only your prayers can explain this.

We also praise God for our new apartment! Renting in Colombia is very difficult. Rental companies can require 6 months of rent as a deposit, plus three co-signers who own property in Colombia. It can take two months to even get into an apartment. However, through your prayers we were able to find a furnished apartment at an amazing rate, within a minute walk from the team leader's home, and central to public transportation, not to mention that it is within walking distance from almost any store we could need. On top of all this, our landlords (both doctors) were among the few who wanted to rent without a rental company. These owners were content with US renting standards and we moved in less than 48 hours after we viewed it for the first time! Praise God and thank you for your faithful and powerful prayers!

In the eleven days we have been here, we have been to two team meetings, two church leadership meetings, two churches services, many fellowship meals and a two day leadership training. Tomorrow, Friday, we will jump on a bus and head south to visit two language school options that Alicia will decide between and begin to attend once we can find good childcare for our children.

You have interceded on our behalf and we have raised our needed funds, and we have had God's kindness at every turn. Thank you so much!

Your grateful co-laborers,

Nathaniel & Alicia Gutierrez



Ladies from church caring for Jeremiah

prayer section

1. Praise God for His provision of our financial needs, and for His great kindness towards us in our transition here.
2. As Alicia visits the language schools, please pray for wisdom as she chooses one.

3. While at our new apartment, Jeremiah asked if we could go home. Please pray for our kid's adjustment and for good childcare.
4. Please pray for new friends and relationships in Colombia and for our witness as a family.

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Pre-departure photo



Bogota



Leadership meeting



Missionary training



Alicia's 30th Birthday



Gabriella's first night in Bogota



Jeremiah and Bella (Parsons)