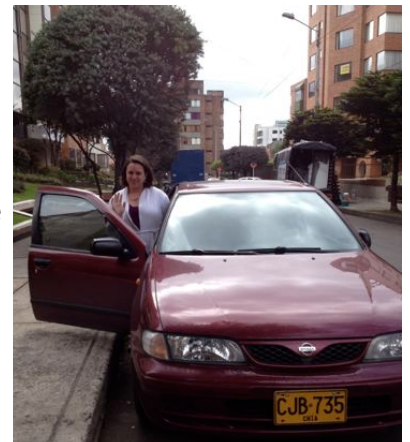


Missionaries to Perú

training in
Bogota, Colombia

It is amazing what a difference a car can make in a person's life! Since writing last, we had a huge answer to prayer in being able to buy a car here in Bogota, one that works, is the perfect size for our family, and has ample trunk space for those big grocery runs we do! We are so thankful for how it has enabled us to travel around the city much more safely and Nathaniel is able to take me to and from school every day. But even more than that, this car has greatly aided Nathaniel in ministry, allowing him to meet with men from the church, work in a church that is about 45 minutes away from our house, and participate in even more church events. We know that this car is truly from the Lord.



Our new used car!

As you may know, we moved to Bogota so Nathaniel could participate in leadership training while I went to language school. This leadership training is part of the Missionary Apprenticeship Program which is a new MTW program designed by missionary Dr. Gary Waldecker, to better help missionaries in their church planting efforts. This program offers the missionary numerous hands-on opportunities to lead and take part in the various aspects of church planting work in a Latin American culture with a qualified veteran missionary's insight, oversight and evaluation. Nathaniel cannot speak highly enough of this program, and is very grateful to be given the opportunity to be guided around many of the pitfalls missionaries can fall into, and given the opportunity to work and learn at the same time. Please take a moment to learn more about this program by clicking on Dr. Waldecker's article here: <http://garywaldecker.net/archives/1165>



Sunday service in Tintal

This past month we made the move to work in a different, smaller and younger church in Bogota in an area called Tintal. As mentioned above, it is about 45 minutes away from our house and currently only 5 people other than the leadership attend. Nathaniel has been meeting with the leader of this church to plan and strategize about how to best use this church location to reach the people of Tintal and the best approach for evangelism. As of right now, it looks like he will be assisting in the leading of worship, preaching a few times a month, teaching, participating in new members classes, praying, evangelizing, doing demographic studies

and hosting "office hours" at the church building for people to come in for counseling and other assistance. Please pray for Nathaniel as he ministers to one in particular, *Carlos*, who loves God but struggles to believe in the power of His forgiveness and grace in *Carlos'* life.

I (Alicia) am continuing to enjoy language school and have found more and more opportunities there to witness and share my faith with my fellow students and teachers. I am thankful to be in an environment that facilitates deep discussions and allows for me to be bold amongst my class, but I pray that since I mostly share in Spanish that the right words are actually being said!

Jeremiah and Gabriella are doing well, and enjoying their mornings with our nanny. She has been able to set aside time each morning to intentionally teach Jeremiah the Spanish alphabet and numbers and is always very loving and kind to our children.

In less than 9 days, two more families from the MTW's apprenticeship program will arrive in Bogota and Nathaniel is busy preparing for their arrival. They will need as much assistance as we did when we arrived just 5 months ago, so it is good that most of these things are still fresh on our minds. For now, Nathaniel is busy assisting in the details of their housing, childcare, transportation, and other logistics of their first few weeks in Bogota. It is an exciting time for this new apprenticeship program and more and more MTW missionaries are being prepared to go through this program as well.



Nathaniel & missionary Wes Parsons with pastors from presbytery.

We truly feel so blessed to be here, and just the other night Nathaniel said, "I am doing my dream job." We consider it an honor and a privilege to be able to serve in South America and are so thankful for our team back home who not only sent us here, but is keeping us here through prayers and support. Thank you so much for being on our team.

In Christ,
Nathaniel & Alicia Gutierrez

Ordination of elders



Part of the MTW Team with local Pastor



Family lunch at presbytery



Jeremiah's 3rd Birthday

prayer section

1. Praise God for His provision of a car. 2. Please pray for Nathaniel's whole family as his Grandmother went to be with the Lord a couple days ago, approximately 6 months after his mother did. 3. Please pray for the church plant in Tintal. 4. Please pray for our health - it seems as though someone in our family is sick every week - this can be very discouraging. 5. Please pray that we will make great strides in our learning. 6. Please pray for our kids as they continue to have a hard time adjusting.

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