

Missionaries to Perú

training in Bogota, Colombia

"Mommy, mommy, I had fun with friend!" exclaimed Jeremiah when we came home to relieve his babysitter from her first day with our kids.

Of all the hurdles we face as missionaries, one of the most complex challenges is seeking a safe environment for our family. For ministry to succeed, we really need the family to be taken care of. While Alicia is learning Spanish and I'm out doing ministry work, it is crucial that our kids feel safe, and that we know they are in good hands.



Our kid's caregiver

Through your prayers and God's amazing grace we found a wonderful woman who is not only capable of taking care of the children, but is a Christian as well. Her help has allowed Alicia to flourish in language school, has allowed me to jump right into ministry, and has given Jeremiah and Gabriella a loving and fun friend.



One of the older buses

Each weekday Alicia takes a one hour trip (one-way) to get to her language institute. She sorts through all the buses -which are more like roller-coasters- to catch the one that will leave her a 10min walk from her institute, and then she holds on for her life as it speeds away. Parts of the transportation system here are elaborate. Watch a video of us maneuvering Bogota's Transmilenio system here: www.servinginkas.com/bus but Alicia is already

confident enough in her Spanish to take the more makeshift bus system and her Spanish is also good enough to let a cab driver know he is not going to overcharge her. Not having a car here has its challenges which Alicia writes about here:

www.servinginkas.com/car but we are thankful to have a fairly confident grasp of how to catch a bus to almost anywhere.



Alicia at the institute

On my end it has been absolutely wonderful to dive back into church-planting ministry. There is nothing like the panic of being given 30 seconds notice to "share from the word" to the pastors of our local presbytery meeting, to jumpstart me back into ministry. I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunities to preach, to lead worship, to be involved in caring for people, making contacts and evangelizing. I have loved getting to know the church-plant here and getting to know the pastors in the presbytery. June 6th I will begin teaching a course on the Doctrine of God to the men who are being trained for ministry from our church. Please pray for Gerardo, Willam (both training to be elders), and Juan Pablo, David, Angelo and Alfredo



Leading worship

who are eager to learn more and put it into practice. Please pray for me as well as I teach this course and get more and more involved in pastoral/church-planting duties.

Thankful for your partnership,

Nathaniel and Alicia



Traveling as a family

prayer section

1. Praise God for His provision of a caregiver for the children and a good language institute for Alicia!
2. Pray for Alicia as she learns Spanish and is away from the children for a good portion of the day.
3. Please pray for our safety - though Bogota has changed a lot - there are still safety concerns.
4. Please pray for our health as we fight illnesses that are new to us.
5. Please pray for my involvement in ministry and my teaching.

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