

Missionaries to Perú

training in
Bogota, Colombia

"You came all the way from "!\$%@ there?!" Inquired my new friend *Sonya. "Yes, that is where I work as a Pastor" I responded. "Don't #@\$# me," she responded, "that is far!"



Tintal leadership: David, Javier & Nathaniel

Sonya, affectionately known as "Sonya the Sailor Mouth" is a ~45year old woman who works behind the desk at a car shop, and is crossed by no one. Earlier that morning a Colombian pastor, Javier Muñoz, and I had been working in an area called Tintal (the area in which we are trying to plant a new church plant) praying for the Lord to prepare hearts and give us boldness to share the gospel. About 7 hours later, the Lord answered our prayers and I found myself sharing the gospel with a deeply hurting woman who has had a hard life, and has a very tough outer shell to go with it. That morning she had been reading Revelation 3 on her bus ride to work, from a Gideon Bible someone gave her. The passage terrified her, her family was falling apart and she had come to the conclusion that God was prodding her to change. When she learned I was a pastor, she said, "We need to talk!"

Sonya has taken the first step toward repentance and has wept over her situation. Though she knows the next step, she has remained reluctant to take it, and the ball is "in her court" so to speak. Yet, as we know, "the ball" is actually in our court as well. We need your prayers for Sonya the Sailor Mouth. Please pray that her heart and hard outer-shell would be pierced by the gospel and that she would lay her burden at the feet of our Lord.

Please pray for Jose as well. He was a stranger who sold me his car and during the long process of putting the title in my name, we were able to become friends. Afterwards I was able to share the gospel with him, he was very excited and took the initiative saying he wanted to come to church with me and learn more...however, since then I overheard him saying that Christians "brainwash." Though we have met several times since our first conversation, just like Sonya, he has remained at the first step and seems reluctant to go past it.



New missionary families: Bonham & Kines

Please pray for these two and many more who appear to be inwardly conflicted. Pray for wisdom on our part as we seek to follow up without pushing too hard and as we seek to simply love them with or without tangible "results."

This month has been an extremely busy one. We've helped two new non-spanish-speaking missionary families (10 people total) "move in" to Bogota (think airport transportation, think 30+ suitcases/strollers/carryons, rental contracts, getting them credit so they can rent a home, getting cell phones, internet, Colombian IDs, lots of furniture, home repairs, language school, nannies, Dr.'s appointments and being "on-call" for translation). Alicia and I LOVED being able to serve them in their transition and have enjoyed how quickly our friendship has grown with them. Alicia also likes having a few more Christians at language school too!

Thank you for your prayers and support. We pray for you often and would love to setup a time to skype, facetime or talk by phone. Please let us know if you would welcome this and what times/days might work best.

In Him,
Nathaniel (for the family)

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prayer section

Please pray...for us as we labor in this new church plant, for Sonya, Jose and their families, and for God to give us our first family in the neighborhood of our church plant (Tintal).

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