

Dear Family and Friends,

We moved into a rental house! After a couple weeks waiting on an apartment, the one we had chosen turned out to be very run down. Initially, we weren't able to see the interior, and after finally seeing it, we were disappointed. The Lord led Eri to find a newly constructed duplex that had just gone up for rent at a reasonable price. We moved in a couple of days later, and so far are loving it here and feeling much more at home. Eri also started her new job as a Kindergarten teacher in a public school and has been dealing with all the stress of preparing for this upcoming year: moving furniture from another room, getting IT to setup technology, and preparing for the kids. So many people and other teachers have donated a plethora of teaching materials, supplies, and helpful items that she has needed. Thank the Lord, and please pray for Eri with the new school year, its stresses, the students, and the parents!

At Drive-In Park, we have been busy with weekly movie nights. We had two movie nights that we had to cancel due to bad weather, and we also had to postpone our summer kids water day to August 3. It was a great event. It was a hot day, but that made it great for the kids playing in water. The gospel was shared, and each person received a small Gospel tract with a wordless book bracelet. The soccer field looks greatly improved after the sanding and treatments it has received over the last two months. It is thick and lush now. There are still a few spots with some thick sand, but over time, the grass will continue to get better. Mowing continues to be a weekly task, but Caleb and Jim help most weeks unless something comes up. A few weeks ago, Jim became ill and was hospitalized for a few days and had to take a break for a couple weeks from strenuous activities. He is helping again now, but please pray for him as he continues recovering.

In Colombia, I got word from Pastor Alfredo with the Mobile Unit in Santa Marta. They are showing a movie about once a month. He says they are so grateful that God provided them with this tool, and are excited to be able to use it for evangelism. Pastor Alex also sent us an update, and they are really engaging with the families and youth in Chorrillo. They have transported some of the families to attend worship service at the church, and are also teaching some beginner music classes to the youth on different instruments: guitar, keyboard, and even drums. God continues to work and reach the people in Colombia through various avenues. We are so thankful for His wisdom and will! Continue to pray for lasting change in these lives!

I want to circle back to early in July when we celebrated the annual Jones family reunion on the 4th. We had a wonderful time reconnecting with our extended family who we typically only see at reunion time. I particularly enjoyed the time I got to spend with my own siblings! It was a much needed break and "vacation" from every day life. I thank God for the blessing of having a Christian family who lives out their faith.

Now that we are finally settled into our own place, Eri is settling into her new job, and I'm settled into my ministry roles, we must turn our attention once again to raising financial support. We were blessed to be fully funded during our time in Colombia. Many months even exceeding our support goal, but now that we are back, the difference in cost of living is about \$1500 per month. We are looking for opportunities to visit churches, contact individuals, or even speak with you personally in depth about how you can be a part of our ministry through financial giving, intentional prayer, or both. If you have any recommendations of a church or pastor, or would just like to see how we're doing, please give me a call or text (334) 430-8233. To those of you who already support, we want to thank you so much for continuing to support us through this time of transition that we are (hopefully) finishing up. God bless you! Thank you for your prayers and financial support!

In Christ,
Stephen and Erika

