



## YOUR! Colombian Connection

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that two months have gone by since we moved back to Colombia. We now have most of our furniture, the boys are in school and we are reconnecting with ministries even as we plan future events.

We returned to Bogota July 15<sup>th</sup> and **3 days later our first outreach team arrived!** Life has been chaotic! Read on for a snapshot and how we have seen God moving.

### God will Defend You



Parenting Seminar

A few months ago we were in the town of Villeta for a construction outreach and during a planning session God dropped a brilliant idea into our heads for our future school outreaches. **Have our youth do Parenting Seminars!**

It may sound strange, but every time we visit schools we hear dozens of stories of rape, abuse, drug use, prostitution, depression and parental ignorance. Ignorance of what their youth are doing and/or ignorance of how to deal with the problems. So God spoke to us about having the youth from our teams speak to the parents about real teen issues.

But God had more than just reaching parents in mind!

**Bogota, Colombia (spelled with two O's)**

**Metro Population - 10.8 million**

**Elevation - 2600m (8600 ft)**

**Average temperature - 15°c or 59°f**

Last year we presented the Gospel to some 3 thousand students in Villeta. We were thrilled, but the local priest was not happy that Christians were allowed into "his" schools.

He caused quite a fuss after we left, talking to community leaders and spreading lies about us. Maybe he was just uninformed, but in his masses he talked about us **and said that we were promoting promiscuity, homosexuality and masturbation;** in short, the exact opposite of the sexual purity and freedom in Christ that we promote.

### Think you had a long school day?

James & Darien's daily schedule:

5:40 am - awake	6:12 am - bus arrives
	7:40 am - 3:00 pm - classes
4:00 pm - home	4:30 pm - homework
6:00 pm - supper	6:30 pm - free time
	7:30 pm - bedtime

So this July we returned to one school with a new, untried strategy and a little concern. How would we be received?

As it turns out, the **700 PARENTS!!!** in our 3, one hour workshops were awestruck by our team and profoundly impacted by their testimonies - so much so that we have a standing invitation to return and also visit other schools.

### And For Dessert?

The parents were able to hear for themselves our message, our love and our hearts for their youth; totally nullifying the lies that had been told!



With 300 students in Chiquinquirá.



Boys purity seminar, from English to Spanish (Darren) to Sign Language!

## Praise Reports

- We are here! To be honest there have been times in the last year that we thought our missionary service was over, but God opened doors and provided!
- For Darren's sister Brenda's continued health as she battles cancer. The disease' progress has been slow and some areas has reversed itself slightly.
- We thank God for the several thousand people and students that we ministered to during our July outreach.
- Praise God for all of our sponsoring friends and churches. We are so thankful to have you at our sides!



Youth sharing Jesus in Villeta's jail.

**Just as Jesus had a group of people who sustained Him (Luke 8:1-3), we also depend on God's provision as expressed through His children. Please consider partnering with us through your giving.**

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## Our Daily Bread

A sample of some prices in Bogota

Milk - 4 litres / 1 gallon	= \$4.35
Bread - 1 loaf	= \$2.35
Eggs - 1 dozen	= \$3.50
Corn Flakes (500 g )	= \$5.87
Chicken Legs	= \$3.53/lb
Pork Chops	= \$4.28/lb
Lean G. Beef	= \$4.70/lb
1 CFL Light Bulb	= \$4.70

**Whopper Combo = \$9.35!**

## Prayer Points

- For James and Darien as they adjust to their new school and lifestyle. It has been hard on them even though they have really enjoyed having their cousins, aunts and uncles close.
- For Patty, she is helping to prepare a Remedial Reading Program for underprivileged children in December.
- Also for Patty's coming trip to Canada . She has just been contacted to do her **Canadian Citizenship Test** on Oct 3rd!
- For our family to find good, long term housing in Bogota. As it happens, our present home can only be rented until January as the property has been sold.
- For our ministry budget. Costs in Colombia has gone way up since we lived here last and we need to see some increase.

*Gratefully,*

♥ *Darren, Patty, James & Darien* ♥