# CROSSCOLLABORATION

## **BONHAM & KINES FAMILIES**

Missionaries to Colombia



Monthly Newsletter - February 2013

Last month we looked back at 2012. It was such a blessing to see where the Lord had brought us over the course of last year and we were reminded of how many people were used of God to make it happen. This month we would like to look ahead to 2013. There are so many things that we hope to accomplish in 2013 and we would like to map out those goals for you so that you can know better how to pray for us. We have three major goals for this year:

1. Continuing Our Growth in the Spanish Language

We have been very encouraged by our growth in language learning thus far, but we also know we have a long way to go. We no longer fear trips to the grocery store or conversations with neighbors on the playground, but we still struggle with not being able to communicate on a deeper level with the people here. Our language studies will continue for years to come, but our prayer this year is that we can begin communicating in more intimate ways with those the Lord puts in our path. Please join us in praying to that end!

- Beginning the Apprenticeship Program Toward the end of this year we are supposed to begin the apprenticeship program. We are already learning so much about Latin culture and cross-cultural ministry. Our desire is that beginning the apprenticeship program will allow us to really begin applying all that we are learning linguistically and culturally with the benefits of oversight, accountability, and encouragement. Please pray for this program and for us as we begin.
- 3. Determining Our Future Ministry Site One of the most exciting things about this year is that we will be making a decision concerning our permanent future ministry home. We are excited about this upcoming decision, as it will give us the opportunity to begin really planning for our future ministry in more tangible ways. This means we will be making several trips throughout Latin America and meeting several new friends. Our prayer is that these new friends and places might serve as lasting ministry connections wherever the Lord may call us. We believe these networks of friends and places will serve the long term growth of the Lord's ministry through us. Please pray for this decision and for these upcoming opportunities.

There are a lot of exciting changes coming in the upcoming year and we are constantly reminded that without your help, none of them would be possible. Thank you for your financial support, your prayers, your calls and emails, and your consistent contact. Our prayer is that, together, the Lord would do exceedingly and abundantly more than we could ask or imagine in this coming year!

## **Missions Video Update- Spring 2013**

It's that time of year again. Many churches will be having their missions conferences soon. This time last year we were traveling across the Eastern United States visiting churches and speaking at missions conferences. We are so thankful for all the relationships the Lord gave us during that time. We wanted to take a moment and thank all of the churches that have partnered with us. We have many other individual partners from other churches, but these churches have officially committed to supporting us regularly in prayer and finances:



Josh & Emily (Howton) Kines Nate & Nikki (Travis) Bonham

#### What are we doing?

In a nutshell: Our two families will be serving as missionaries with <u>Mission to the World</u>. We will be serving with the missionary team in Colombia for two years to be trained in language, culture, and crosscultural ministry. After two years, we will move to a to-be determined Latin-American country to plant churches where the gospel has not taken root.

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#### Learn Spanish:

Words that seem to occur more than others:

> *Entonces* So, Therefore, Then

> > *Listo* Ready, Okay

*Claro* Clearly, That's Clear, I Understand

*Hasta Luego, Mañana* See you later, tomorrow

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## Missions Video Update- Spring 2013 (cont.)

\*Covenant PCA, Nashville, TN | \*First Presbyterian Church, Gulfport, MS | \*First Presbyterian Church, Hattiesburg, MS | \*First Presbyterian Church, Louisville, MS | First Presbyterian Church, Union, MS | First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, PA | \*Highlands PCA, Ridgeland, MS | \*Madison Heights Church, Madison, MS | \*Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley | North Park PCA, Jackson, MS | Peace Lutheran Church, Gulf Shores, AL | \*Pear Orchard PCA, Ridgeland, MS | \*Providence PCA, Clinton, MS | Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, MS | \*Trinity PCA, Murfreesboro, TN | \*Trinity PCA, Corinth, MS | West End Community Church, Nashville, TN | \*Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greenwood, MS \*Supports both families

We also wanted to let you know about a resource we have just completed. Click on the play button below to check out our latest Missions Video Update for Spring 2013. This is a way for you to get a glimpse of where we are serving. We also encourage you to share it with your churches to play during Sunday School, Missions Conferences, Fellowship Dinners, etc. Please <u>email us</u> if you would like a high quality copy to download.



### **Prayer Requests**

- Please continue to pray for our children. The anxieties and struggles of moving to a new culture come out in very different ways and at different times.
- Please pray for this season of language learning as we will be switching to in home tutors for the first part of the new year. Pray the Lord would give us the gift of the Spanish language and keep us focused and diligent in the process.
- Pray for the process of choosing a permanent missions site. Pray for our families as that will require some travel that will leave our wives fending for themselves in a very different culture with limited Spanish.
- Pray for the beginning of our apprenticeship program. Pray that the Lord would work through this program to help us
- Pray for our families as we face many unforeseen struggles such as sickness, new nannies for kids, and busyness with normally simple tasks.