Missions Newsletter

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ABOUT US

Nate & Nikki
Bonham are long-term
missionaries serving
with Mission to the
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They have been serving
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30 SECOND UPDATE (see articles below for more details)

- Nikki begins a new series with her Women's Community Bible Study.
- Seminario Bíblico Reformado (SBR) celebrates the end of their first full cycle of their program... just in time to start a second cycle.
- Upcoming ministries: pastoral mentoring, marriage counseling group, and a Reformed Worship workshop.
- Nate's recent recruiting and church visit trip to California.
- Pray for the Gutierrez family as that begin a new chapter of ministry.
- Pray for Nikki's sister, Lacey. Doctors found another brain tumor, and she has begun a new round of radiation treatment. www.facebook.com/LoveforLacey

Women's Bible Study

"You need to teach us all of this so we can teach others." This was the plan all long, but it was reassuring to hear one lady voice her desire to take the tools she is learning in the Bible Study and use them to teach others in her community.

After finishing their first series about life in the Gospel, Nikki started a second series with a group of about 40 women from 6 different churches around the city. The focus of this new series is how to read the Bible for themselves. Many people fall into anti-biblical beliefs because they are intimidated to read the Bible and feel illequipped. This study is meant to combat that.

We have been impressed with the response. This new study demands a lot

more time and outside homework from all the participants than the previous study, but they continue to come back out of a hunger for the word. Please pray for Nikki as she leads these ladies and has been overloaded with women asking her for one-to-one counseling.



Some of the ladies surprised Nikki for her birthday.



Teammate Update

Since many of our supporters also keep up with the adventures and ministries of our teammates, we wanted to share an important update from the Gutierrez family, whom we have served alongside of for almost 7 years. The Lord blessed us abundantly when he joined us together with their family, and it has been a joy to be their partners in ministry. Last month, they announced their recent decision to take a leave of absence from missions and serve in a pastoral position in the U.S. We have enclosed a link to their letter if you would like to read more about their decision and plans.

We are so thankful for the 7 wonderful years we were able to serve with the Gutierrez family and we are excited to see how the Lord continues using them for His kingdom. Read their letter: https://bit.ly/2WoHGqg

Winding Down

June 3 marked the final class of our first cycle of Seminario Bíblico Reformado. It has been a wonderful, but tiring, 15 months of teaching. We have demanded a lot from the students, and they have persevered. We are so thankful to be winding down our first complete program cycle with success.



Final class picture

Unfortunately, we will have little time to breath. In a couple weeks we will start back over by offering intensive Saturday morning courses. Our hope is that many students who started later in the program will be able to

make up the courses they lack so that they can graduate with our first graduating class in October.

As you might remember, we started with just a group of 12 student in March of 2018, and now we have nearly 200 students in 4 countries.

Gearing Up

While we are about to finish up the first program cycle at SBR, we are gearing up for several new ministry opportunities as well. Please join us in praying for the 3 new ministry opportunities we have the privilege to serve in over the next several months. This week, Nate begins a pastoral mentoring program with 3 local pastors who have requested a formal mentorship. Next week, we begin a 6-week marriage counseling group in our home with several couples to explore what Biblical marriage is all about. Next month, we will host a weekend workshop on Reformed Worship for local churches. We are excited about all of these new opportunities and ask for your prayers as we prepare and lead these programs.

Ministry Travels

Last month, Nate travelled to California to participate in the MTW West Coast Missions Conference held in San Diego. During his trip, he focused on recruiting new missionaries for South America. Nate also visited First Reformed Church of Ripon, California, which is a church very close to our hearts after they visited us last year to help with a construction project at the Seminary. Nate was thankful to get to reunite with these friends and share at the church about the ongoing ministry of the Seminary here in South America.



Nate visiting First CRC, Ripon, CA

FINANCIAL GOAL UPDATE

To sustain our current international ministry and local ministry, we need to raise \$1,600 per month. Please consider making a monthly pledge towards are goal. Pledges may be made at: Give.TheBonhamLine.org.

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