# **CROSSCOLLABORATION**



**BONHAM & KINES FAMILIES** 

Missionaries to Colombia

Monthly Newsletter - July 2012

## Cross Cultural Ministry Internship

As this email hits your inbox, our families are flying to New York City for CCMI (Cross Cultural Ministry Internship) for the entire month of July. CCMI is the last round of training we have to get through before we are cleared to leave for the field. It is not an evaluation, but rather a time of training and preparation for us and our children. The program describes itself in the following way: "Through a dynamic series of learning experiences, GTD's Cross-Cultural Ministry Internship provides you with practical skills and insights that enable you to interact effectively with new cultures and areas of service. Classroom training and hands-on ministry experiences equip you in several areas: cultural interpretation, language acquisition, church planting, evangelism techniques, spiritual health, team dynamics, conflict management, real life application."

Roughly translated, that means we will be thrown into a ministry experience with a culture totally different than our own. To get to our ministry station we will take a 45 minute train ride with our collective 6 children (2 Bonhams, 4 Kines) everyday. At lunch time, however, we will need to take another 45 minute train ride to the location where we will be spending time in a classroom setting and/or field studies. We will then start the trek home on the train again with our 6 children and try to gather ourself before we do it all over again the next day. Okay, maybe that is a little bit of the weary fundraiser side of me speaking. We are excited about the opportunity for ministry in New York and for the training we are sure will be invaluable to us as we transition to the field. Ultimately it means we are at the last leg of our journey to the field and we praise the Lord for bringing us this far!

### **Keeping In Touch**

As we get closer and closer to our support goal and departure we have really been working hard to create resources to help individuals and churches stay connected with the ministry. We have said from the very beginning that one of our primary goals as we head to the field is staying in close contact with the church at home. Many of you are already keeping up with us through our various platforms, but we want to remind you of the resources that are at your disposal.

- Follow Our Blog, Facebook Page, and Twitter- Our Facebook page is really little more than a conduit for us to publicize our blog updates at this point, but my guess is that we will use it more while on the field to post regular picture and ministry updates. We are updating our blog on a weekly basis and will continue to do so from the field.
- <u>Have You Heard About Our Resource Page?</u>- We have created a resources page for churches and individuals that want to know how to keep up with us on a regular basis. The intention is to make it as easy as possible for churches and individuals to stay connected by providing a step by step process to all of our communication options.
- <u>Want Some FaceTime?</u>- Churches are getting more comfortable with using Skype and Face Time as a means of communicating with their missionaries on the field. We actually had our first video conference with one of our supporting churches via Skype last week. We can Skype or Face Time with individuals, churches, committees, or sessions. Just say when!
- <u>Our Made For T.V. movie</u>- Lastly, we have told many of you that we hope to periodically send video updates of the ministry back home for our partners in ministry. We will be keeping these short so that churches who want to show the clips in their morning or evening services can do so.

For access to each of these resources you can go to <a href="http://crosscollaboration.org/churchresources/">http://crosscollaboration.org/churchresources/</a>

#### **NOTICE:** Very Important

If you have sent in a pledge or one-time gift and have NOT received any notification from us (ie, a thank you card), it may mean that it was lost during processing. It may also mean it was credited to the wrong account (even if your check is clearing). Please email us if you have sent something in but haven't heard from us. Team@CrossCollaboration.org. As we get closer to 100%, we want to make sure our records are accurate and that we have thanked all of our ministry partners.



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

#### What are we doing?

In a nutshell: Our two families will be serving as missionaries with Mission to the World. 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.

#### **Support Status**



*Tax-deductible donations may be sent to:* 

Mission to the World PO Box 116284 Lawrenceville, GA 30368

Note in the memo line: 10788 Bonham, 14043 Kines

For other ways to give, visit www.CrossCollaboration.org/partner-with-us/

#### **Please Pray For...**

- 1. the sale of the Kines' house in Madison.
- 2. approval of religious visas for working in Colombia.
- 3. individuals to financially partner with us MONTHLY.
- 4. our time at CCMI in New York City for July.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- July 1-31 CCMI Training, New York City, NY
- August 7th- Pear Orchard Missions Committee
- Late August- Target date to go to Colombia

For more information, visit www.CrossCollaboration.org