



THE BONHAM LINE

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TL;DR Version (see articles for more details)

- The Lord has provided us with a new home! We are moved in and getting settled.
- Nate continues with regional involvement in equipping ministry leaders through Presbytery and City-to-City.
- Personal family updates, and LOTS OF PICTURES!

A New Home Base

As we mentioned in the last newsletter, we recently found out that we were going to have to look for a new home. Thankfully, the Lord quickly provided us with an option that seemed almost perfect for what we need. The last several weeks have been a whirlwind as we packed up everything and then tried to get organized in our new place, but we were thankful to have been able to get it all done fairly quickly. It's only been one month, but we've already had the chance to host 3 different rounds of overnight guests who have been in town for various reasons, as well as our weekly men's group from the church. We believe that hospitality is a vital part of ministry, and we are praying that the Lord will use every inch of this home for his glory!

One of our favorite parts of the new place is its amazing view. We are now located on the outer edges of town which overlooks the beautiful Colombian countryside. Although we have given up the "walkability" and central location of our previous home, a great cup of Colombian coffee on the back porch of the new place more than makes up for it!



*The new home/ministry base for the Bonhams.
We are thankful for the Lord's provision!*

Encouraging Regional Leaders

Over the past couple of years, the Lord has continually grown our relationships with other pastors and ministry leaders across Colombia. This past month, Nate was able to attend Presbytery meetings in Bogota, where he was able to connect with several pastors who are working together to cast a vision for future growth in our denomination and raising up wise and compassionate leaders.

Soon after his trip to Bogota, we were excited to host the bimonthly Incubator meetings for City-to-

ABOUT US

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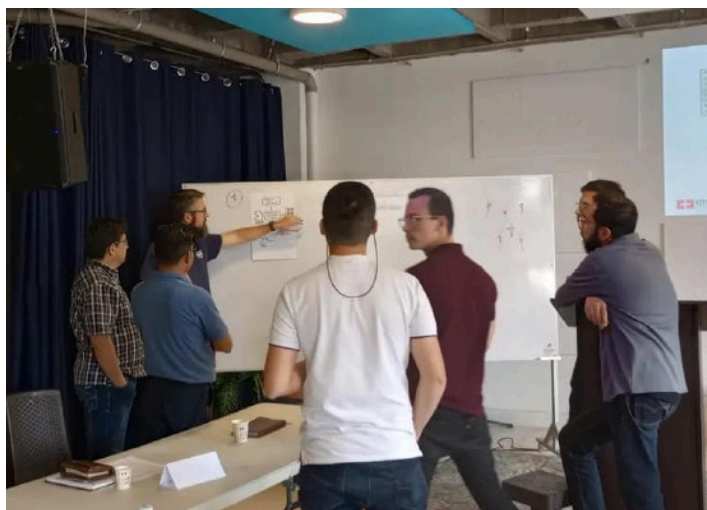
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City here in Rionegro. This is a group of pastors across various denominations who gather regularly to study topics such as theology, preaching, counseling, etc from a gospel-centered perspective. For this cycle, the topic was on navigating conflict in ministry. They spent 2 full days meeting in our church facilities, and several of them stayed in our home for a few days while they were in town. We were excited to host them and thankful for the opportunity to further invest in those relationships. We are looking forward to hosting the group here in Rionegro again in November. Please pray that the Lord will continue to bless the ministries and churches of these dear brothers!



Nate and a few of the guys in the City-to-City Incubator. This group of 12 pastors spent 2 days studying the topic of wisely navigating conflict in ministry.

On the Home front

Things have been busy here at home lately. In addition to local and regional ministry, plus the unexpected move, Bonham Academy International wrapped up one school year and moved on to the next. We started the new year on August 17 after a short 4-week summer break, and we are slowly getting our footing with all of our new material and subjects for this year. Now that the boys are getting older, the workload has also grown significantly! They have grown significantly as well— I am not used to standing shoulder-to-shoulder with them!



We snapped a quick photo on the back porch to commemorate the first day of the new school year. Our little Bonham Boys are now Bonham Men! It is strange to have a house full of teenagers.

They are also still active in their other activities apart from school — music (piano, guitar, and ukelele), swimming, soccer (futbol), skateboarding, and various ever-changing hobbies such as novel-writing and stop motion video. It has been fun to watch them try their hand at many different things as they continue to discover their own interests and personalities.

In other family-related news, Nate and Nikki celebrated 19 years of marriage on August 21. We didn't think to snap a picture (we hardly ever do!) but we enjoyed a much-needed night out together. We are thankful for the ways the Lord has blessed and grown our marriage over the past 19 years, and we are thankful for so many of you who have prayed for us so diligently for so long. We pray that the Lord will grant us many more joyful years together.

Thank you for continuing to pray for our family, our ministry, and our teammates. We have several very busy months coming up this fall with more travel than normal, so please pray for the Lord's grace and goodness towards our family during this season. We are thankful for all of you!





The team ladies met together weekly to go through a study on 1 Timothy called “Entrusted to Invest.” It was a sweet time of study and encouragement together.



Nikki’s older students busy diagramming sentences in their English grammar class with their homeschool group.



Moving day! You can’t just go rent a U-Haul around here. The truck showed up bright and early.



Nate with a group of pastors and leaders during the Presbytery meetings in Bogota. Please join us in praying for these men and the churches they represent.



Nate preaching at El Redentor. We are currently working through a series on Acts, which has been timely and encouraging as the Lord has used it to minister to some very specific situations in the church. Please continue to pray for Nate as he continues to pastor, preach the Word, and counsel this growing congregation.





Another pic from the Incubator groups meeting at the church. Please pray for these men as the Lord grows and sanctifies them in their roles as pastors, husbands, and leaders!



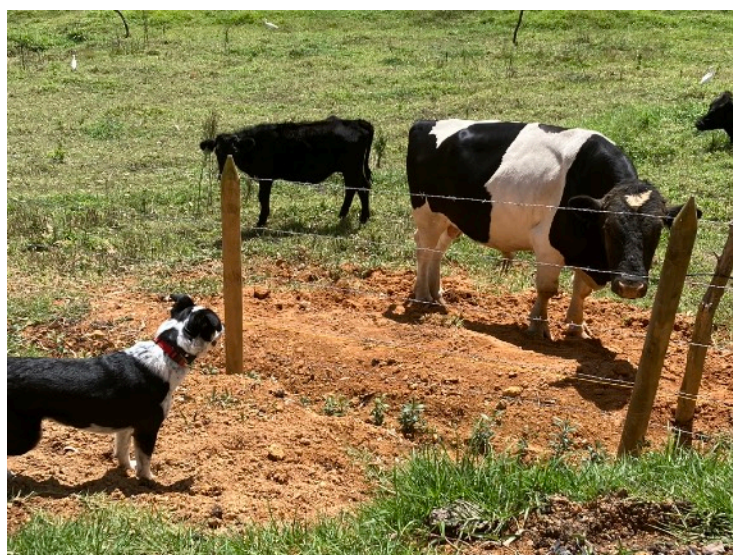
The mens' small group that meets at our home on Thursday evenings. They are finishing up a study on 1 Peter.



Another first day of school shot.



Our children's class at El Redentor.



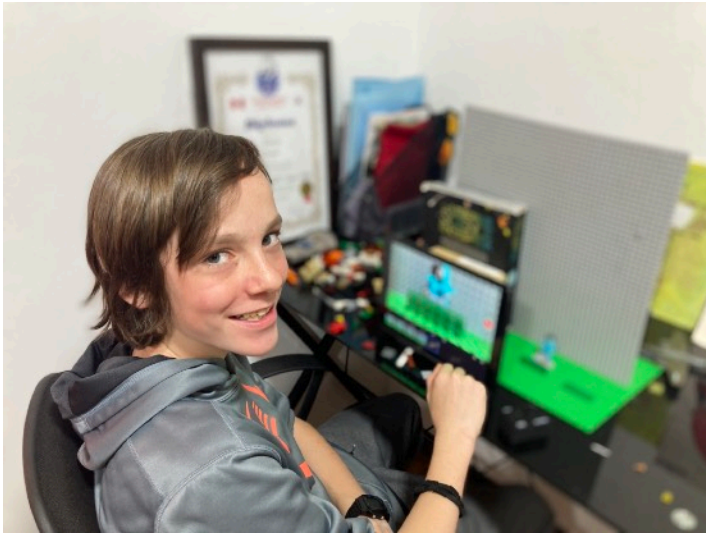
The new house has land rented to cattle farmers on either side. Bruno works hard to make sure the cows stay on their side of the fence!



August 16th would have been Lacey's 42nd birthday.

We always buy sunflowers for her.

Thank you for continuing to pray for our family on hard days.



Barrett working on his latest stop motion project.



Noah practicing soccer in our yard.



Luis at the bowling alley on his birthday.



Someone is always playing something around here.



The church hosted a conference on engaging with the topic of abortion and how to minister to those with abortion in their history. It was excellent.



Sunday mornings at El Redentor.

