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**Summary:** This was a very "fruitful trip, evidenced by the spiritual attacks, they are not wanting you to continue to plant seeds and anoint the team locally as God has big plans for His people there. We need to forge forward and know that Christ is King overall and in His name we will win the battle." (This was Ruth's discernment and I concur.)

- 41+ decisions to become followers of Christ!
- 300+ adults and children were personally prayed for healings, liberations, and peace.
- 8 Churches/Ministries were visited speaking encouragement, unity, and faith in Christ.
- \$600 donated for curriculum to help form a new school of ministry.
- \$400+ in offerings to local churches.
- God answered all your and our prayers! (See below.)
- Those who supported us are fellow heirs and have a share in this grace of life.

**Prayer:** Mission Columbia, The Lord spoke this for you..."You will light and NEW lamp among them!" Wow, I'm loving this GO TEAM!"

### Saturday/Sunday 7/20-22 @ Medellin Farm

Saturday was Colombia's day of Independence from Spain...It is a good analogy for this mission work...God began a move of liberty and freedom for all those who were being held captive...we ministered at a

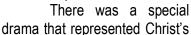
"farm" that was made into a retreat center...there was space for 80 but over 140 people came...sleeping was wall to wall and Pastor Laura relived her slumber party days...while many slept in camping tents...all the food was prepared on site and was provided by a great serve team...on Saturday morning I spoke on Prayer, Repentance, and Brokenness...not really an



evangelistic sermon but I asked if any wanted to follow Christ and over 26 raised their hands in affirmation and willingness to become new Christians...I was glad I listened to the Holy Spirit and told the other Pastors that I thought it was easier to reap than to sow!

Pastor Paul spoke on saving our muffins (chastity) until marriage. I prayed for two men struggling with habitual

sexual sin. During a break time Pastor Nehil decided to toss a young man into the pool and then 5-6 young men surrounded them dunking them clothes and all into the pool.





forgiveness...all gathered around to hit a rock with a stick...explaining that the rock was really Jesus who bore our sins...later that evening everyone changed into white clothes from top to bottom illustrating our new lives in Christ...there was a trail up the side of the mountain with people dressed like Angles to a room full of light...this represented the throne room of God...everyone journeyed up the trail to enter God's presence and received a ring with the cross of Christ...symbolic of our future marriage...along with a white jewelry box depicting one's pure heart and life sealed in Christ. "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband" (Rev. 21:1-2). The visiting Pastors Nehil and

Paul decided finish the evening with a music jam until 1am...

At 5:55am Sunday we were awoken to singing and everyone was given a baby bottle containing a sweat drink...I think this was a

continuation of the previous night's dramas...that we are now new creations born into Christ.

# Monday 7/22 @ Medellin

I ministered to a young man, Juan who needed encouragement and counseling...Later that day, Pastor Laura and I teamed together with Pastors Nincy and Dario to visit a family who felt oppressed and disunity...God truly did a miracle reconciling the husband, wife, daughter, and son...later that evening we spoke to over 40 bible study leaders and pastors.



Prayer: "I continue to pray for you, as I do the Lord has put some more things on my heart to write. The focus of which has to do with "Perseverance". Perseverance on the part of Gods anointed and the heart of his people who follow them...Ask and keep

on... Asking...Seek and keep on ... Seeking...Knock and keep on ...Knocking...

#### Tuesday 7/23 @ Medellin

God is doing a mighty work...We had a great time...doing a lot of prayer for people and especially the children...went to the hospital to pray for Diego, the boy with cancer and who has gone blind...



Pastor Laura and I prayed for protection and liberation of the Mother and family while awaiting Diego's transfer from intensive care to a regular room...the orderlies then brought him out and we offered prayers of healing and anointed the body with Frankincense and Myrrh...(Side note: I do not believe the enemy wanted us to make it to the hospital...on the taxi ride over the driver hit a pedestrian...I dismissed this as person walking in front of a car until the driver narrowly missed hitting two more people...God's protection was extended to us and those around us.)

I meet a young man, Sebastian, who was struggling with sexual identity issues. He came stating that he was reading to leave all his sins behind and jump off the cliff..."Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust"

(Luke 20:18)...This the we are saved. By taking our own leap of faith into the arms of Jesus...then He sends the times of refreshing and healing that we need.



It appears we may have confronted a Territorial Spirit...we were are not sure how to battle this one...later that night we visited a House Church on the side of the mountain...the children had prepared a dance for us and beamed like angles...after the service Pastor Laura and I prayed for over 25 kids...encouraging them to have a heart towards God...

## Wednesday 7/24 @ Medellin-Bogata-Cartahena-Tolu

We missed the flights to Tolu and had to fly all around Colombia to get there...we arrived Thursday at 3am after a 2.5 hour drive from Cartagena...a 15 hour day of travel...(Note: We later came to believe that our mistake of going to the wrong airport was a ruse from the enemy in order to stop the ministry...We had a choice to make, we could allow ours mistakes to divide us...or God would use them to unite us... We chose unity.)

# Thursday 7/25 @ Tolu

At 7:50 am, Apostle Olimpo (69 years of age) woke up all the men and ran outside to the beach for a morning swim...needless to the say the young men were dragging themselves out of bed...We visited the local church for a time of prayer, walked about town, followed by a much needed power nap...from 3-6 we visited local conference resort center and began talks of bringing 140 pastors/leaders there in the summer of 2014...that evening Pastor Paul prepared the



hearts and I shared my Maranatha salvation story...16 came forward out of 50...the Pastora said they were all new visitors/people...there is good soil here and the harvest is ripe!

**Prayer:** Last night as I was praying for you. The Lord impressed me with the following picture on my heart. It was a very small, tender vine springing up out of the ground. How is this my heart asked? Because the ground was parched around it. Yet in the very spot which it sprang up there was a small wet spot. Then I saw there you were. Each one had a watering can in your hand. Now as you poured out the water of the word in the middle of the desert, these new tender vines shot up...God is still God, in that out of the midst of difficulty and

<u>distress, in a parched place like a desert. He brings new life.</u> Wow I'm loving it. Blessings and safety as you journey back to us.

# Friday July 26th @ Tolu-Medellin

This morning we gathered at the beach as three believers committed themselves through water baptism...Afterward a man was watching from the street and I thought he was just late because he was



dressed in a white shirt and shorts...the Pastora shared what had happened leading the man to Christ and giving him a new bible...After eating lunch our group of 7 pastors



prayed and asked God to show us what was causing all the calamities and near death calls...God revealed it as spirit of witchcraft that was acting in retaliation for ministry...we joined in prayer and asked for God's forgiveness and

protection...That evening, Pastor Laura held a women's meeting while the men went to visit the future members of a new church plant that Pastor Dario will lead.

#### Saturday 27th @ Medellin-Suburbs

One of our pastors had a dream last night...he pictured an ugly transgender person that when he reached to pray the person turned into a witch to bite his neck like a vampire....about the same time between 3-4am I heard a man scream out like a demoniac the name of Jesus...this pastor got up and prayed...while I went back to sleep...I might of missed something here!

This evening we traveled to Babos and spoke about "The Truth About Sex Before Marriage"...I shared Ruth's and mine story of saving sex for marriage and how Hannah has now decided to wait until marriage...I spoke all of this in about ten minutes...Pastor Paul continued and at the end of his entertaining message everyone of the youth

came forward to make a pledge of chastity and to save themselves sexual until marriage...during this time Pastor Laura and I were requested to pray of a young unmarried couple and



their daughter...they were experiencing some oppression from people cursing them...We also prayed for Carlos the alcoholic brother who wanted to be set free from his alcoholism

While driving back from Babos we almost crashed into a parked dumped truck...we all saw the truck except our local pastor driver...we were expecting him to move to the left lane to pass and overtake...I called out his name and then he was able to see the truck and quickly braked stopping just a few feet short...he paused for about 5 seconds before passing...we believe God's Angels saved us and protected us serious injury and/or death...the pastor said he felt a spiritual force oppressing him all the way back home and we almost went off the road two more times...

## Sunday Sept. 28th @ Medellin

Started at 9am finished...11.5 and iust hours...teaching...several session of praying for liberation and living in Christ...after 1:30 I was leaving the church to pray privately for a family and about 10-12 children surrounded me at the stair door...they wanted to know when I was coming back...I said hopefully in March and then I said a short prayer over each of them...very touching moment because I did not have any contact with these children during the week...but they still wanted me to come back...while awaiting to leaving and visited Pastor Dario's in-laws...a young woman requested prayer, her boyfriend had died in an accident and she was seeing a dead spirit...not having one of my regular interpreters

a woman of faith came and helped me pray for her...she needed to know that God loved her no matter what...afterwards Laura and I traveled out of town to the suburbs in the mountains to pray for



Elisabeth's parents who were sick... and then went to a new house church in the home of Alex's mom...he is the man I lead to Christ on the last visit...Alex's mom torn off the roof of her house and reinforced it so that they can build a full second story to house a new church...very good fruit from the mission trip in February...sounds a lot like the book of Acts...

Answered Prayers: God prepared the peoples hearts (Medellin and other locations) and gave us many divine appointments. The Holy Spirit had His way with us and poured out a special anointing and gifting so that we could minister. His Angels were in charge over us, protecting us and all those who came to the conferences. God opened the financial store house and provided financially for the attendees, the school of ministry and church plant. MUCHAS GRACIAS to ALL who Prayed in the NAME of OUR LORD!

#### **Unlikely Coincidences?**

On Friday, AA lost 3 seats on our outbound leg from Miami to Medellin (God upgrades gave us business class.)...My Father had two strokes the first two days of the trip...but God had him take an aspirin at that onset which greatly reduced its affects...he is now expected to be fully recovered after rehab...Pastor Paul's Mom



was admitted to the hospital and later released...Pastor Paul, Nehil, and I all came down with intestinal sickness...Pastor Dario was blinded while driving and also had to have a curse broken that was spoken over him...

We experienced a lot of miscommunication between ourselves...this was until we came together for prayer and God's council...We believe we survived these spiritual attacks because of God's love, mercy, grace, and through the unity of your prayers! (Composed by Dennis)

En Christo,

Paul Marzahn Nehil Bejarano Laura Rand Dennis Nelson



(Paul, Nehil, Driver, Laura, and Dennis)

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