

The Kautz Family Missionaries to Colombia 2013 Wrap Up

As another year comes to a close and we take time to reflect on all that has happened, we are amazed at the many wonderful things God has done in Colombia. This has been a non-stop-on-the-go year and we've found ourselves running on total God energy many times, but as we look back over all that has happened, we are so grateful that we have had a chance to be part of it. Here's just a glimpse of what's happened.

THE BIG PICTURE

We've done several events this year, ranging from kids camp to teaching children's leaders at various conferences to a large outreach on October 31st as well as spending the summer with AIM teams doing programs and outreaches in various cities. Tona is the representative for children's ministry in our state of Antioquia. That has opened the door for us to work in many areas of western Colombia training and connecting churches to vital resources to reach children in their areas.

THE LOCAL LEVEL

We have spent the majority of our term also working as the children's pastors at a local church. In this time we've been able to help build a children's ministry, train teachers and grow in how they are reaching out to the community. We've seen the ministry grow in numbers, but even more importantly, spiritually. Parents tell us of the changes they've seen in their children, how their children are reciting the Bible and asking if they can pray for their parents when they see a problem.

We have also served as part of the youth leadership team, working together with another couple to organize a space for the local youth. Maggie has been singing on the youth worship team and Alex has been creating videos and promotions for the ministry to gain more interest. We recently launched a King's Castle team—a group made up of youth who use drama, music and the arts to evangelize.

THE PERSONAL LEVEL

The Great Commission tells us to "Go and make disciples..." This is our favorite part of missions. Making disciples is so much more than someone making a decision to accept Christ. It's about learning, growing, finding your call, changing your life. We have been blessed over the years with "spiritual children" whose lives we've been able to share in. We are so proud of them as we watch them

grow and find the gifts God has given them, the calling they have on their lives. We pray with them and cry with them as they stretch and grow and leave behind their old selves, self-doubt and insecurities. We celebrate with them as they realize they are stronger than they thought and that God is with them every step of the way. This, for us, is the best part of missions—planting and cultivating seeds and getting to see them sprout.

(1) It's hard to leave for our year in the

States, but we are excited to see what kinds of "trees" we will find when we return.











THANK YOU!

Every month we are amazed at the faithfulness of our supporters and the unexpected donations that come in to help us continue to reach youth and children in Colombia. Thank you!

END OF YEAR DONATIONS

If you have a donation you'd like tax credit for in 2013, your donation must be postmarked by December 31. Online donations can be made at this link— http://s1.ag.org/kautz

LET'S GET TOGETHER!

On February 4th, 2014 we will board a plane and head back to the States for our year of itineration. We'd love to visit with you or your church, tell you thank you and share what God is doing in the lives of young Colombians. Please send an email to corey@kautzfamily.org to schedule a time we could meet. You can also contact us via VOIP at 770.901.9077

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