

KAUTZ

MISSIONARIES TO COLOMBIA

Spirit lead me where my trust is
WITHOUT BORDERS

The Kautz Family

We are Corey and Tona Kautz, missionaries to Colombia since 2006. We focus on reaching at-risk children and youth by equipping churches, leaders, teachers and parents to impact the next generation with hope in Christ.



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We pray this new year is full of wonderful blessings for you. We have just wrapped up a great year of ministry. We couldn't do it without your love, support and prayers. Before we begin launching this year's projects, we want to give you a quick review of what happened in 2017:

Niños Sobrenaturales

This year the annual Niños Sobrenaturales (Supernatural Kids) event was held in 22 different locations throughout the state of Antioquia. Over 1200 children attended and many adults at the various events. The theme this year was "My Mission." It was very well received and we are incredibly proud of all of the teams that worked to put on the program for the children in their neighborhood.



*Niños Sobrenaturales at Ministerio
Semilla de Fe*

Castillo del Rey - King's Castle Evangelism Team

This year our Castillo team was made up of 21 members. They spent every Saturday dedicating their time to discipleship, practice, street ministry and training others to do the same. Throughout 2017 we did evangelistic programs in eleven different communities. We were able to take several members of the group to Bogotá to the national Castillo del Rey conference. We also saw growth in the ministry throughout the state. Earlier in the year we held a training with 125 participants. We helped four churches launch full teams and do outreaches in their communities.



*Castillo del Rey team members at the
national convention*

Children's Ministry Training

This year we launched a coaching program for children's ministry leaders. We had 29 students throughout the year who we worked with through monthly classes and visits to their churches. It was a great year of connecting each of these ministries into a network to learn one from another and understand more deeply the importance of ministering to children. We also organized the first sectional children's ministry conference in our state, three days of conferences and workshops.



*Children's ministry leaders at the year-end
celebration*



The Kautz Kids

We are so blessed to have Alex and Maggie home for Christmas once again this year. Alex is about to embark on his last semester in college. On December 31st he and Corey flew to Orlando, Florida to get his car and drive across the country to Los Angeles, California where Alex will spend his last semester of school at the L.A. Film Studies Center. Maggie will be heading back to Dallas to continue her studies in Criminal Justice.

Thank You

We are grateful to each and everyone that has faithfully given to our work here in Colombia. This has been a year of ups and downs, but God is so very faithful. We had a strong 2017. Amazingly almost every time we got a call or letter that someone had to drop support, out of the blue we would receive notice that a new supporter had joined. We trust that 2018 will be another strong year as we continue our work here with the help of so many.

Las Lomitas

It was a very difficult year at Las Lomitas school in Sabaneta where every week we teach English and Bible. Government issues threatened to shut down the school throughout the whole year and even succeeded for a couple of weeks, but the community rose up to keep the doors open. It made way for us to finish out the year with the children. We ended the school year with a Christmas party and gifts for all. We continue to pray as the issues are still not completely settled and await to see a good enrollment in the next year.

Special Guests

The year was filled with visits from friends, family, potential new missionaries and teams. We had the joy of having Lauren Mayger, someone dear to us since she was born, here for three months to help alongside us. At the end of November we welcomed a team from Florida First Assembly of God, a great blessing to have here.

LOOKING AHEAD

We have expanded hopes and dreams for this year. These ministries we've updated you on will continue into 2018. A few things we didn't highlight here, but will be much more of our ministry in 2018 are working to expand Red U, university ministries here in Medellín. In 2017 there were initial trainings and organization, but we hope this year to launch groups in various universities.

Also, throughout 2017 we partnered with the Open Arms Foundation, a home for at-risk boys. Thanks to many of our visiting groups, we were able to build a chicken coop and give 100 chickens, provide heaters, blankets and help in various aspects of upkeep of the property. This year there is a great need for new dormitories for the boys, as the current ones are made of wood and over 20 years old. One has already been condemned. We will continue our partnership with Open Arms this year as Corey will be working on the construction project to help bring a safe, warm home for the boys currently living on the campus and the future of the foundation.



Children's Ministry Conference



Students from Las Lomitas



Florida First Assembly of God



Lauren Mayger

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