

KAUTZ

MISSIONARIES TO COLOMBIA

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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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SOWING LIFE

In the 10 months since we began the Sowing Life Foundation, we have worked in several communities. Comuna 13 is where we have chosen to dig in deep. We have had the opportunity to ingrain ourselves into the community, getting to know the people, doing special events and weekly classes for children. Earlier this year we held several Samaritan's Purse events, giving away shoebox gifts. In Comuna 13 we gave away over 60. Once the children received the boxes, we began a 12 week course of discipleship with the children. We are nearing the end of the 12 weeks and the last gift for this course will be a Bible for each child.

Life in Comuna 13 is difficult. Where we work, during the day there is peace because it has become a popular place for tourism where people visit to see graffiti art. However, throughout the community there is still a great deal of gang violence. Because of the tourism, sometimes the children's parents do not allow them to attend class, but instead send them to pose for pictures or dance for tourists which can, in just a few minutes, earn them ten dollars - the equivalent of a full day's pay at minimum wage. One of the major dilemmas we confront are children who drop out of school because of the money they are earning from tourism and the exploitation of these children.

Our weekly classes can be chaotic, but as our relationship with the children and parents grows, we see a slow progression forward in finding a rhythm in the class. We have walked through teachings on salvation, creation, loving one another and more. As we plant seeds in the hearts of the children, we see a more positive response every week. We want every child to know they are loved, they have purpose and reason to hope.

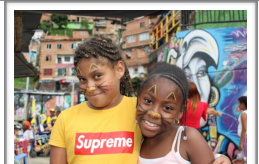


At the top: Samaritan's Purse gift boxes brought joy to the kids.
Left: Freedom Church and Victory Church spend a week in Comuna 13
Right: A special event with the kids.



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Escaleras Electricas De La Comuna 13 ...

the_kautz_family When you ask a child how their week went and they say "bad", you expect they got in trouble at home or had a bad day at school, but today he showed me a picture and told me that his 16 year old friend was murdered over the weekend for passing an invisible border. What struck even more was the way he accepted it as a normal part of his community.
#comuna13 #medellin #colombia #agmd



The Kautz Kids

Maggie is home for the summer. We are excited to have her home again and grateful to have more hands helping in the foundation.



It has been over a year since we have seen Alex. We miss him terribly, but this August we will be reunited all together and we are looking forward to that time!



This August we will take a quick two-week trip to the States to be present in the Assemblies of God General Council and a special gathering called "Together 19" where, for the first time in history, all of the Assemblies of God missionaries worldwide have been called to return to the States for a few days of prayer and aligning the mission we are all carrying.

After these events we will spend one week of rest together with our family, reuniting our immediate family and celebrating Tona's father's 70th birthday!

NEW LIFE CHURCH

We committed one year to help launch New Life Church in Comuna 13 and it's hard to believe we are already coming into the last weeks of that commitment. A few months ago there was some worry about the location because where we had been renting was sold and we could no longer gather there. We announced that even if we had to meet under a tree in the park, services would continue. However, a location opened up that sits right next to the metro train station, a central point in the community, and we ended up with a better space than we had before. Thanks to help from Victory Church and Freedom Church, both in Albany, GA, we were able to paint, build a small stage and get the space looking more like a church. The church has grown and continues to see almost a 50/50 split of children and adults.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TRAINING

This year has been a year of tremendous growth in Children's Ministry. We are in our third year of working with coordinators from most of the churches in the state. This year we launched a new teacher's class and had over 35 students take part. This month we took part in planning this year's Megacapacitación where pastors and lay leaders could choose between seven different ministry areas to deepen their knowledge and training. In the children's ministry department we had 76 participants, going well beyond last year's numbers. In total nearly 400 people attended the event.



Above: Children's ministry leaders and teachers taking classes this year.



Left: Participants in the Megacapacitación

POSTPONED

This month marks four years since we began this term, which means we should be heading back to the States this month, but we have been granted an extension to stay on the field until next year as we await the arrival of a new missionary associate couple who will be coming in August for one year and continue to stabilize the projects we started at the end of last year.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to continued support we are able to extend this term and stay on the field while we continue to stabilize some of these new projects. Your prayers and financial support make this possible! Please pray with us that we will have provision as long as necessary to wrap up this term well next year.