

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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Well, that was unexpected...

On February 29th we said goodbye and stepped on a plane to begin a one-year period of itineration, a time to visit churches to share what God has done in Colombia and to raise funds for our next four-year term. We knew 2020 would be different. We knew we were in for major transitions. We thought we were prepared for the change, but we never expected this! Covid-19 has turned everyone's lives upside down. Let us share a little of the unexpected results of these last few months:

- * We expected to take a week of solitude to transition back into living in the U.S before we hit the road to travel every weekend of this year. We did not expect two months of isolation and only one opportunity to share in a church in the first quarter of our one-year timeline.
- * We expected that because of the shutdown of all of our supporting churches, giving would drop drastically. We did not expect that not only would it remain stable, but that people would go above and beyond to make sure missions giving did not drop. Praise the Lord!
- * We expected to visit Maggie in Waxahachie, Texas when we went for the AG Kidmin Conference. We did not expect that while we were there, we would pack her up and bring her back to Georgia as her senior year abruptly ended. We also didn't expect that we would get to spend time with Alex and Maggie, all of us together under one roof for several weeks. That was a wonderful unexpected blessing!
- + We expected that the team we left on the ground in Colombia to continue the children's ministry training classes would thrive on their own. We did not expect that even on a different continent we would have the opportunity to continue teaching and being a part of the classes through this crisis. Technology is amazing!

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A farewell dinner with some of our closest friends and ministry partners.



Our dear friend, Pastor Ivan, took us to a point over the city to pray for Medellín together - a very powerful moment.



We are grateful for unexpected family time.



Video conferencing has kept us connected.

There's so much more, but what we have learned is that the only thing we know that we can expect for the rest of this year is that God will meet, exceed or redirect our expectations and, no matter which He chooses, we can have peace. As states begin to lift orders, we are hopeful that we will be able to reschedule services and get on the road soon so that we can get back to Colombia. We know God is not surprised by these circumstances. Just as we have seen the unexpected often bring results better than our expectations, we look forward to the next few months to come, with the hopes of seeing many of our friends across the country.

THE COMUNA 13 PROJECT UPDATE

Thanks to incredible generosity and work from Freedom Church and Victory of Albany, Georgia, we have been given funds to purchase a house in Comuna 13 that will serve as a base for the foundation. While Covid-19 delayed some of the processes, we hope to have a place soon where our team can begin to have a more constant presence in the community and offer a variety of resources for the families in the community.

+ Please pray that we will be able to close on the property soon.

The community was hit hard by the pandemic. With Colombia on lockdown, the people cannot work. They do not have more than what they need for the present. Many waved red flags from their homes to signify they had no food. Our team and affiliates have been able to go in and take groceries to some of the families.

* Please pray for Colombia, our pastors and churches who are hurting and the families of Comuna 13.



Before quarantine in Comuna 13.

THE KAUTZ KIDS

Graduation did not look like Maggie had hoped it would. She was looking forward to our family gathering in Texas to watch her cross the stage and receive her degree. Instead, we sat in the living room with grandparents, family and friends on Zoom. While she was disappointed, she kept a positive attitude and adapted to the changes. We are so proud of her accomplishments as she received a Bachelor's Degree of Science in Criminal Justice with a minor in Psychology and an Associates Degree in Education. Along with leaving campus and classes early, she left behind two jobs that she was counting on to help get her financially prepared for post-graduation. Praise God, both jobs gave her extended pay! Alex was also furloughed from his two jobs. He was able to file for unemployment and fortunately has been able to continue taking care of rent and bills.

+ Please pray for Alex and Maggie as they both figure out what to do next for work.



THANK YOU!

We want to thank Griffin First Assembly of God for providing us with a beautiful home to live in for this time we are Stateside. We also want to thank all of our supporting churches and individuals. We are truly astounded by your generosity, especially in such difficult times. Thank you for continuing to give and continuing to pray! Thank you to Smyrna Assembly of God for having us in to share about Colombia!

Those who follow our Facebook page have seen updates of Greg Mundis, the director of Assemblies of God World Missions. He was hit early on with Covid-19 and went through quite a battle, spending a good deal of time on life support. Thank you to everyone who prayed. He has made tremendous strides towards recovery and was sent home this month to continue rehabilitation.

We are open for bookings throughout this year. When you are ready and your state reopens, please call us to set a time when we can visit and share with you or your church what God has been doing in Colombia! You can reach Corey at 770-907-9077.

