



New Community Bridges

We have learned so much over the last few years working with Fundación Sembrando Vida in Comuna 13. We have been asked to share our experiences with other churches who are wanting to build bridges into their communities. We have chosen three churches to partner with as they launch programs to serve their community.

We took a road trip, three hours outside of Medellín, to the town of Yarumal to visit the Rey de Paz church. They have already begun a community feeding program. On Saturdays they open their doors to the community to enjoy a free lunch. On Sundays, they serve breakfast to all of the children who attend the church. Pastor Giomar told us this project was created when a family went to the church and they found out the family had nothing to eat for the previous two days.

The next site we visited was Iglesia Cristiana Familia de la Fe. Thanks to a fellow missionary, they have been undergoing major construction on their church and have added two stories to the building. They want to open a weekly soup kitchen for children and the elderly. They are also located near a hospital and want to deliver lunches to the people who have to wait outside while their loved one is being attended.

The last site we chose was Vida Nueva in Pedregal Bajo. We have done many outreaches with this church. They have a big heart for the vulnerable community they serve and want to open a feeding center for the neighborhood children.

We will be sharing more about these projects as we travel through itineration. We are working on a new catalogue style giving guide where you can help by buying anything from a spoon to a refrigerator!



The pastoral family in Yarumal and Sunday morning breakfast with the kids.



The pastors in Castilla. The church has two new floors added on with plans for one more. They currently have a partnership with a government organization to host the elderly for several classes during the week.



The pastors in Pedregal Bajo. They have been doing special event community dinners and want to start a consistent feeding program.

We will be back in the States this fall to fundraise for our next four year term. If you would like to organize a fundraiser or have us visit your church or business, we are booking from September to December. Get in touch with us to set a date.

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The Next Next Generation

For over 20 years we have talked about *"Reaching Colombia Through the Next Generation."* We have loved teaching, mentoring and discipling children and young people. One of the hardest parts of this ministry is that it is cyclical. We know we have limited time with each person we work with because eventually everyone grows up and moves on to their next season of life. Those who once spent countless hours in our home for game nights or long conversations of sharing their struggles, spiritual questions and victories, have moved into the workforce, started their own business, gotten married, or have taken other pathways into adulthood. Many have moved away and we miss them, but love watching them thrive from afar on social media. As cycles go, while some grow up and move on, new ones enter. We get the opportunity to start fresh with a new generation of young people.

What we didn't fully consider previously is how some of the new generation would be the children of ones we have watched grow into adulthood. It makes us feel a little bit old seeing our former "kids" having kids! We have been gifted the honor of watching our "first generation" raise up the next generation through their own families. It has been a time of joy as we get to be "bonus grandparents" to these children. We're proud of these young people and the way they are keeping Christ at the center of their parenting of their children. These pictures show how much life has changed since we first met Clara, Sebastian and Jorge. We have renewed excitement as new cycles come and we see more generations raised with a foundation of Christ in their home.

A Joyous Celebration!

We had the honor of marrying Alex and Destiny! It was a beautiful day with friends and family celebrating their love and commitment to one another. We are overjoyed to have Destiny join our family.

