



EARTHQUAKE IN COLOMBIA

On August 10, Colombia experienced a devastating 7.4-magnitude earthquake that greatly affected the western part of the country. The damage was widespread, communities suffered destruction, and hundreds of lives were lost.

This month, Tona was invited to travel to some of the hardest-hit areas to provide mental health support and training for pastors, community leaders, psychologists, and counselors. The sessions focused on self-care, compassion fatigue, helping others through crisis, and secondary trauma.



During the first two days, leaders traveled in from communities deeply impacted by the earthquake. For nearly a month, many of them had been answering phone calls, distributing supplies, caring for families, and doing everything they could to help others get back on their feet. Yet in the midst of serving their communities, they had little opportunity to process their own experiences or care for themselves—even as many were grieving personal losses of their own.

Please continue to pray for Colombia as communities move from immediate crisis response into the long process of rebuilding. Pray for those who are grieving, for the leaders who continue to carry the needs of their communities, and especially for the children who have been deeply affected by this tragedy. Tona heard several heartbreaking stories about what children experienced during the earthquake and how the trauma continues to affect them in its aftermath.



August 4th marked one year since we returned to the States to fundraise. We have not reached our goal just yet and have been given an extension until November 4th to continue fundraising. While this process is taking longer than we had hoped, we trust in God's timing and know it will come together at the perfect moment. That being said, we're asking for your help to get us back to Colombia!

Our biggest need is monthly support. **You can help! Would you connect us to one person who can give \$25/month!** Tell a friend about us, a co-worker, your company, your church, your neighbor... whoever! Can you help us gain one new monthly supporter? Here's how they can join our team:

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Choose or enter the amount you would like to give monthly. Select the monthly tab when prompted!

How often would you like to donate?

One-Time

Monthly

SUMMER TRAINING

We spent the month of June in Springfield, Missouri for various trainings. For the first portion, we were table facilitators for new missionary training. What a blessing to be part of the process of bringing up the next generation of missionaries! We are part of the training team for LAC (Latin America and Caribbean) and monthly hold a Zoom call to walk alongside new missionaries as they continue their training online and prepare to leave for the field for the first time.

Tona is also part of the LAC Member Care team, helping to resource missionaries with spiritual and mental health care. She presented to the new class all of the opportunities available to them when they feel overwhelmed or need someone to talk to.

After working on the training team, we moved from being the doers to being the receivers. We spent several days in security training and then had time in Missionary Renewal where we had several days of learning, encouragement, connecting and preparing ourselves to return to the field for another term.



PRAYER REQUESTS

- For the people of Colombia who were affected by the earthquakes and rebuilding efforts.
- For parts of Colombia that have recently had an increase of political instability.
- For new partners so we can get back to the field ASAP!

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Corey is Running!

We mentioned in our last newsletter that Maggie had started running with Tona and that Corey's opinion was that running is the worst! Since then, Corey still maintains that running is awful, but he is training for a half marathon! Corey, Tona and Maggie ran a local 10K race and are training for longer distances over the next couple of months!

We are super excited to be preparing to run with The Gateway Church in Springlake, Michigan. In October, Corey will run the Grand Rapids Half Marathon and Tona will run the full marathon. We are honored to join Pastor Ben Vegh and this incredible church as we run together for water projects through World Vision.

Please pray for us as we continue to improve our health and that Corey will miraculously LOVE running!



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