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Good News from Mission Kingdom

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Mark 1:15



Prayer Requests:

- Pray for the new believers, Ana and Nubia who were baptized in October, and for several others who are in baptism preparation classes
- Pray that God's word would continue to transform the lives of children and families in Anapoima
- Ask God to help us find a suitable location to build a permanent facility to meet the needs of this growing faith community
- Pray that God will bless and guide the church planting team and supply the necessary resources to sustain them in their work

The School of Real Life Experience

We give thanks to God because in this adventure to extend the Kingdom of God on this planet, there is much that we are learning. I am convinced that in these 8 months of work "on the ground" I have learned much more of God and his redemptive plan than in the 5 years that I was being formed in the cloister of the seminary. As the apostle Paul says:



How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" (Romans 10:14-15)

These words of the apostle Paul take on much more meaning when we take the risk to go and announce the gospel to every creature, without worrying about how they will respond at the moment; I have learned that God gives the growth.

Fishing for People



During these past few months we have noticed how the word of God continues to confront the existing realities among the persons God has permitted us to minister to. In that way the Spirit of God has been calling these persons to a greater commitment with the Lord Jesus Christ. We know that our primary labor is not merely to give assistance to the needy; that would be quite short-sighted. Our final goal is fishing for men and women for the Kingdom of God, just as Jesus put it well in Matthew 4:19, *Come follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.* He didn't call us simply to give them "assistance."



God's greatest for the world's least

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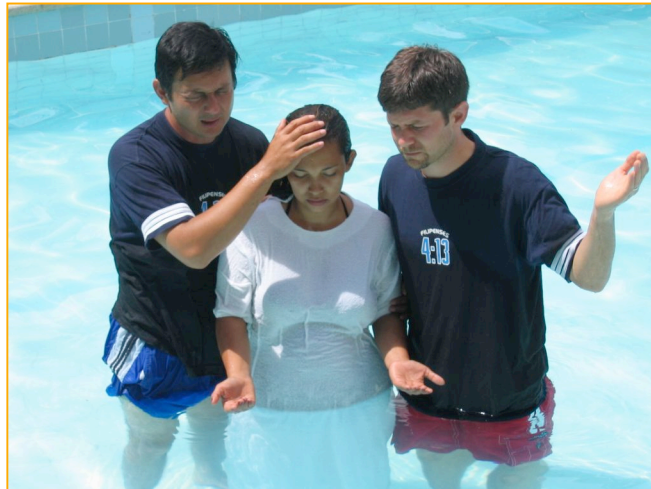
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Church Celebrates First Baptisms



Martín and Aaron baptize Ana Murillo.

It is because of this call to fish for people that we are happy to have had our first two baptisms in Anapoima. Two women, Ana Murillo and Nubia Sánchez, took this step of obedience, foretelling a greater harvest yet to come. That's why we continue to cry out for a place where we can meet to worship and celebrate the presence of the Lord.

**"Expect great things from God;
attempt great things for God."**

-William Carey

We also held two retreats focused on church growth with the planters of healthy churches team, so that we might have a clear understanding of our task in this ministry. That is yet another accomplishment, having established a team for this work. The team is made up of Ana Abreu, Silvia Herrera, Zamira González, Amparo López, Aaron and Laura Kauffman, and ourselves, Martín and Elsy González, all members of the local Mennonite church in La Mesa. Our goal is to establish the church in Anapoima and establish 50 small groups in the 50 villages in the region over the next 12 months.

Partner With Us in Prayer

We ask for prayer that God would give us wisdom, strength, patience, perseverance and economic resources to continue in this work that God has placed in our hands.

In Christ Jesus,

Martín, Elsy and the church planting team

