



TRAINING LATIN AMERICAN MISSIONARIES

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CAR PROBLEMS:

Our van would turn off driving down the road! It was getting worse, and we were far from home. After looking on line and with some mechanics, we couldn't find a secondhand computer for the van. The only other option was to have the computer fixed, but the mechanic told us that he would need the car in Bogotá to be able to do it; so, I fixed a switch that enabled me to turn off the computer to reset it. Now we would have to travel 18 hours with the van turning itself off at any given moment, but at least I could start the car again immediately. Thank you for praying for us. We had a good trip, although on two occasions the motor turned off while I was in the opposite lane passing a semi (articulating lorry), but God took care of us. On the second day, we realized that another injector had come loose about 5 hours away from home. We drove slower, and arrived that afternoon. Thank you, Lord.

Then my brother-in-law told me that a friend of his had found a computer in Bogotá. On the 8th, I went to Bogotá and had the secondhand computer installed. It works great! Praise the Lord! And the man that the seller uses to install the computers happens to work on Korean cars; so the Lord also provided us with someone who knows how to fix our van! Thank you for praying. We felt your prayers!

Pray that the Lord would guide us in lifting up the feeble knees and the weak hands, and in making straight paths for their feet, straight to the throne of grace that they may find help in time of need (Hebrews 12:12-13 and 4:16).

LAST SEMESTER was a long hard semester. There were many problems to deal with and many challenges. These have made us ever more conscious of our inability for the task of training cross-cultural church planters. Thank you for your prayers for us, even though you had no idea. It was sad to have to recommend 3 students for counseling with their pastors; but God continues to work, and all 3 seem to be open to get the help that they need!

NINE FINISHED THE 4 YEARS OF TRAINING:

Santiago and **Steffany** (right) are helping a church in the US for several months before returning to work with their local church in Bogotá in preparation to go to Africa.



Carlos and **Angie** (left) are working with their church in Bogotá, and raising support to reach a tribe in Colombia.





Karen (left with Amy, Helena, and Ashley) will be learning to teach Spanish to the new missionaries while she gathers her support team.



Jose (above right) will be getting married in April and would like to work with his wife in Africa.



Yumirna (right with her daughter) is working with a church in Medellin, Colombia, building her support team, before heading to Africa.



Austin and **Sharon** (left) plan on working with missionary aviation.

Milta (right) returned to Perú to work with her church in preparation for going to Africa.



SIX FINISHED THE 2 YEAR BIBLE PHASE:



Ricardo and **Milena** are helping with a Spanish church ministry in North Carolina.

Sebastián plans on going to Brazil in March, learning Portuguese, and finishing his missionary training.

Luis Carlos is working with his church and would like to finish his training in the near future.

Eimy is doing a nursing degree, so that she can better serve in transcultural church planting.

Hector is working with his church and would like to return to finish his training here next year.

New Students:

We have just finished the week of orientation for the new semester. The students were touched by the challenging messages from the visiting missionaries. We have 14 new students in first semester, 14 in third semester, and 16 in seventh semester. Thank you for praying for new students! Towards the end of January it looked like we would not have that many; yet the Lord brought us 10 new ladies and 4 new men.

Pray:



- Pray for wisdom and love. That we might live according to the Word and show the grace of God to all.
- Praise: Last year some children and a couple of the mothers, whose children attend a weekly Bible club that our students have, got saved! Other students baptized one of their disciples. Pray that the Lord would use the outreaches of staff and students to bring many to Him.
- Pray for Helena and I that we might have wisdom in raising our girls.
- Last year, Ashley was able to accompany the 2nd year students on their mission's trip. They spent a week in the

Amazon, visiting our missionaries who work with the Tikuna people. Ashley said, "I didn't want to leave. When I learned that there were 900 Tikuna families in the village, I was challenged anew with the need for missions." Pray that our girls would continue to grow in their love for others and in seeing them come to Jesus.

**Praise: You are a vital part of this ministry.
Thank you for your faithful prayers and generous gifts.
May God richly supply your every need.**

In our Saviour's love,

Stephen, Helena, Ashley, Amy, and Grace Brown

