



### Praises!

- Good evangelistic campaign and visit with evangelist Jeremiah Clark!
- Property found for Nariño church

### Prayer Requests:

- Wisdom in finding different housing
- M. and her family for physical healing
- Camp and church construction projects

### Visiting Evangelist

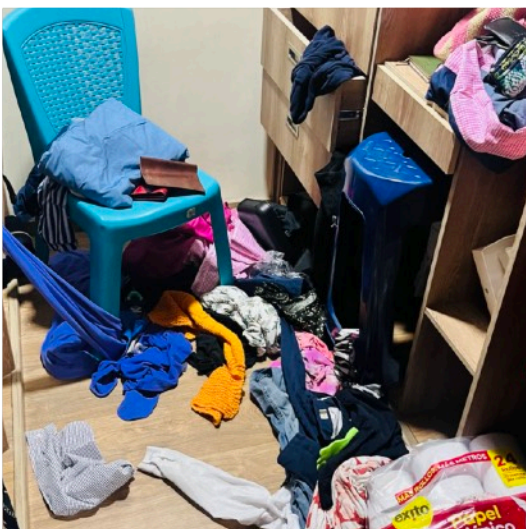
We had the privilege the last week and a half to have evangelist Jeremiah Clark and his family visiting us from the States. Our kids loved playing with their new friends, and Amanda and I greatly enjoyed the fellowship with the Clarks as we ministered together. We held our first evangelistic services ever and God greatly blessed Jeremiah's preaching in each church. It was a great highlight to go with Jeremiah to distribute John and Romans in the Sanmaniego area, which is known both for its drug production and also for being a "red zone" with a guerilla and paramilitary presence. Please pray that God would work and guide in His time to the planting of a church in Sanmaniego.

### Robbed

After the first night of our evangelistic conference, we arrived home to find someone had broken into our house. They ransacked all the rooms, dumping drawers on the floor and stealing everything they could of value. They took electronics, Amanda's jewelry, money, and some new tools we had purchased for the construction of the camp and church in Nariño. It really shook our family up—especially the kids. For now, we have moved everyone into our room until we can work through the emotions of what occurred. I have begun to look for another place to live that hopefully would be more secure. Please pray we can find where the Lord would have us be and keep the thieves from returning.

### Thanksgiving

We decided to have a special Thanksgiving service in San Juan this year to encourage folks to invite their friends and neighbors to church. We found a frozen turkey for sale, and Amanda improvised making pumpkin pie out of a local gourd and cranberry sauce out of juice and dried cranberries. Many of the folks had never tasted turkey and really enjoyed experiencing a



little of the “American” tradition. We had 56 people attend and many gave testimonies of thankfulness for how God has worked in their lives through the preaching and church.

### Church Property in Nariño

Thank you to all who are praying and have given for our church property in Nariño. The original lot we were praying and saving for fell through. We continued to seek for a property and another wonderful location opened up. As Ramiro worked with Franco, the owner, he was able to develop a good relationship and invite him to our church at the farm. Franco came and found that some of his own family are attending our church.

We made an offer on the property, but unfortunately, it is lower than Franco can accept. However, he rented us the property so we could move into town while we continued to save the rest to purchase it. Lord willing, this next week, we will begin the cleanup of the property and building the auditorium.

Please pray especially for Franco and his wife to come to know Christ as their Savior. Franco has made a profession of faith, and we hope he truly understands and that God continues to work in his life.



### Prayer Needs

Please add our immigration officer and her family to your prayers. We have been so excited that M. has been attending the church in Nariño and was saved this year along with her eldest son N. Unfortunately, she has recently been diagnosed with an aggressive cancer and is seeking to learn more about her cancer. Please pray that God would work in her life and bring healing to her and, through it all, give peace to her and her two sons.

Please continue to pray for the camp's development. We have cleared the area for the boys' and girls' cabins. Pray for wisdom and timing in construction so the camp can be ready this next summer.

Please continue to pray for our safety and effective ministry. We drive about 14 hours a week to the various church plants. We covet prayer for continued safety and strength for ministry.

Please pray for the spiritual growth of each church. We would love to see greater attendance, but more than anything, we want those who are coming to grow in the Lord.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support of our family and ministry. May God bless you where you are serving Him!

In Christ,  
Matt Smith for the family

Missionaries to Colombia

