

Joneses to Colombia

July 2022

Dear family and friends,



We are so excited to announce that Eri is now a U.S. citizen. Praise the Lord! The long and expensive process has finally finished. We want to thank y'all for your prayers and encouragement during this time. Eri had her citizenship test and she answered all the questions correctly. Another huge blessing was that she had a short swearing in ceremony and received the certificate right away, yay! Now, we are waiting for her U.S. passport to come and then we'll buy tickets to go to Colombia. Also, Eri and I celebrated our 5th anniversary and are trying to plan that trip before we leave the U.S.

During the past weeks we had the privilege of being invited to a local VBS as the featured missionaries to receive the offering the kids brought in; what a blessing! We love the hard work that is put into VBS to be able to teach the word of God to big quantities of children. It's amazing.

Drive-In park continues with its activity, maintenance, and movie nights. We've had to cancel once due to rain, but other than that we have had great turn outs and salvation decisions keep being made. We had a great time with the Hispanic/Latino community when they rented the park to host a Father's Day service there. We were able to stay and worship in Spanish, play soccer, and eat delicious food. It was good to strengthen our relationship with them in hopes of using the park as another avenue to reach their community.

Eder was able to go to Ambalema to continue discipleship. One of the best results of this most recent visit was that he was able to give Bible based advice to a man who was planning to travel to Europe stay there for several months to work. Eder showed him the importance of taking care of his wife and family; how it's not only a financial responsibility and that being away from them could bring many opportunities to sin on both sides. Days after the visit, Eder got a phone call from the man (Fernando) saying that he had decided to stay, and he wants to learn more from the Bible. He asked to please schedule discipleship classes for him and his family.

Eder is now fulfilling many more responsibilities since he's an associate pastor in Renacer Baptist Church in Bogota. He also has his lawyer cases, and trips to Ambalema. Please pray for him to be able to organize and prioritize his time, also pray for he and Claudia to raise their much needed financial support to be full-time in ministry. Many of you will remember having prayed for Yeimy, (Jay-me) the teenager who God is healing from cancer. Well, she is battling some issues with her liver. They say it's not related to the cancer, but she needs urgent attention. She is in a small clinic and needs to be transferred to a better hospital in the big cities. Please pray for her while they try to work with insurance to get her the care she needs.

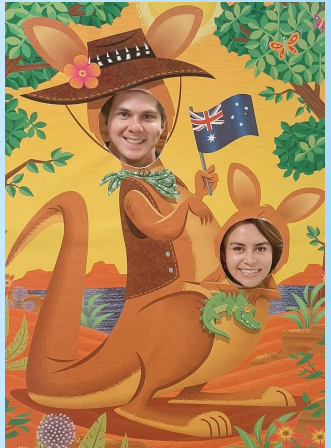
In other news, our house construction has experienced some delays since they changed our architect, and more recently they informed us they had to find a new general contractor. It is very discouraging because of all the time and energy spent having to communicate all the personal touches we want over and over again. It also makes us wonder if the house will be finished by the time we get to Colombia because we want to be close to Ambalema, and there is a US group that wants to come to Ambalema and serve there so it would be great if we can host them. Please continue praying for our house!

In His service,

Stephen and Erika

Prayer Requests:

- * Eder and Claudia's financial support, time management and planning to move to full time ministry in Ambalema in the future.
- * Fernando and his family's spiritual growth and understanding of the gospel and the Scriptures.
- * All the Ambalema families; for their spiritual growth and their basic needs.
- * Yeimy's health and to get the best attention possible ASAP.
- * Our house construction to be done well and on time.
- * Monthly Financial supporters for us to go to Colombia with at least 90% of our support.



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