

October 2024:

Dear brothers and sisters, greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Two feelings come to us while writing this note. Firstly, we have deep gratitude for your prayerful support of our ministry in Colombia.

Secondly, we feel a kind of shame for our lack of further communication with you. Although the demands of our ministry this past year have been very challenging and at times overwhelming, we nevertheless recognize that we must communicate more frequently.

Please join us in **thanking** the Lord for:

1. The encouragement that has come upon our churches and believers due to the new church planting projects in La Ceja (Redil de Gracia y Verdad) and Armenia (first church that we will plant by the grace of God in another city, outside of Medellín)
2. We are very grateful to the Lord for His special care for my mother, and my family after the passing away of my older brother. Mom has already completed her second year of widowhood. Our good God has been extremely good in taking care of the health of Doña Teresa, our mother, and giving her His joy in the midst of this great trial of loneliness and many changes.
3. Claudia and I (Diego) are supporting two of our congregations (Redil Estadio and Redil Oriente). But that will end by December, when we start developing a new ministry in El Oriente region, near the international airport. Thanks to our Lord we are seeing a group of pastors and elders grow in each of these churches. It is our great joy to move these churches toward a vision of planting new churches and participating in missionary work. Glory to God.

Please support us in **prayer** for these purposes:

1. For us, the formation of leaders with a servant's heart is essential. Please pray for the group of 7 elders we just appointed last month to serve El Redil Estadio church. View photo, from left to right: Alvaro, Edwin, Henry, Moises, Juan, Daniel, Mauricio.



2. Please pray for Deiby, Sebastian, Bayron and Victor. Who are our ministerial apprentices in Redil Estadio and Redil Oriente. These four young, newly married men have responded to God's call and are under our care being trained for their future ministry as pastors.
3. Colombia's economy is changing dramatically. This is due to several factors, among which the change we are experiencing is notable, for the first time under a left-wing government. To give you an idea, the dollar has fallen in value to 20% less than next year. This weakens the economy of coffee exports, Petroleum, banana and other products.

As a family, we are fine, thank the Lord. In the photo you can see our family, how it has grown!



Tania (31, daughter), Lucas (8, grandson), Diego, Claudia, Miguel (6, grandson), Daniel (33, son), Sara (33, daughter-in-law), Emiliano (16, grandson), and Bluey! (our grandchildren's dog)  
God bless you richly, thank you with all my heart for your support, Diego and Claudia.

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