

THE HART FAMILY IN COLOMBIA



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A Ministry Of:
"His Abundant Pardon"
Is. 55:7

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Praises:

- ◆ For Julio Cesar's Salvation
- ◆ For The Lord's Mercies Daily
- ◆ For Those Growing In Grace
- ◆ For Provision, Health & Safety

Prayer Needs:

- ◆ For Julio Cesar
- ◆ A Better Place For Services
- ◆ For Travelling Mercies
- ◆ For Our Health And Safety

Dear Brethren Laboring In Prayer,

It has been raining a bit more and cooling lowering the high temperatures to the 90's. Things are greener although there is a lot of pollen in the air.

Local Problems

The situation is difficult on the border with Venezuela. As many continue to enter into the department from Venezuela, the majority are in Valledupar. Here and elsewhere in the department, there are lots of illegal activities combined with the those of armed guerillas. Toward the south part of Cesar, three policemen were killed. On further south in the next department, there has been a bombing of a base and an attempt to shoot down the helicopter that the President of Colombia was in. On the political side, there have been several arrests in Valledupar due to corruption. There are many marches and protests that have shut down transport and have caused losses to many businesses. Valledupar is now number five in the list of cities with the worst economies in the country. Many people have left because they cannot find a job.

Persistence Of COVID

Daily activities have been sort of up and down with the situation with COVID. As I write, Valledupar has a usage of beds available above 85%. There are lots of people dying. If lock downs have been used to lower the overall number of infections, it is pretty clear that they have not been very affective. There have been lots of riots and demonstrations here and in many places of the country. We have tried to have regular services, but things have been changing from time to time with government regulations. We have fallen back on virtual services and are awaiting further word to see what happens. Please be in much prayer for having the Church open.

Activities With The Work Here

A brother from a Baptist Church in the U.S. contacted us and asked us to visit his mother here in Valledupar that is dying with cancer. We were able to visit her and pray with her after talking to her about the assurance of her salvation. She wants the Lord to take her home. Please pray for her. Her name is Alicia. Also, Brother José has a son who has been very sick almost to the point of dying. He has been unable to keep food in his stomach. His name is Julio Cesar. He has repented of the life that he has lived and prayed asking the Lord to save him. Now, he asks that we help him pray that the Lord would give him another chance to live for Him. Please help us pray that the Lord would be merciful to Him.

Brother Wilesme has completed the basic discipleship materials in spite of working out in the streets almost every day. Please pray that he will have a heart for learning and serving. He has struggled to provide for his family and feels lead of the Lord to prepare more. At times, he questions whether he should return to Venezuela or not. Please help us pray for the Lord's will in his life. Bro. Jorge has been making progress in discipleship and has an interest in learning to serve the Lord. Please help us pray for him that the Lord would provide a job and help him guide his family.

A couple of young men have shown interest in attending Church. One is from Venezuela and lives about two hours distance away. Also, we hope to have a veteran missionary that is struggling to get back into Venezuela with us in October. Please help us pray that the Lord would help us with those plans. We were able to have our first a men's service at Church this year. Please help us pray for the families that have really been under the attack of the enemy. Please help us pray for the young people and children as schools are planning to reopen for regular classes.

Pray For Our Travel

We have used this time to travel outside of Valledupar in spite of the roads being blocked by protests from time to time. We have had to take care of some important business in Bogotá that has been delayed for a long time. Also we have been working at getting some medical and dental work done as we prepare for a brief visit to the U.S. in August to take Hannah to begin her University studies. Thank the Lord, my cancer surgery appears to have gone very well.

In these trying times it is a great blessing to have faithful and loving brethren to pray and give as you do. We are thankful to the Lord. We trust the Lord to care for you as well.



The Hart Family
Michael, Martha, Hannah, & Timothy
Neh. 10:39