

THE HART FAMILY IN COLOMBIA



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Dear Brethren Who Pray and Love The Lord's Work,

It's a joy to be writing again from Valledupar, Cesar, Colombia. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and pray for us. Here, the weather has been very hot and dry. A report in Mid February states that 2,147 cattle had died in the area from the extreme drought conditions. Some towns have had to ration water. It becomes a bit difficult to water plants.

Trying Times

The situation in Venezuela continues to affect things here. A recent news report indicated that 25,000 people every day leave Venezuela. One famous soccer player from Venezuela was killed in a barrio just a short distance from us. There is a lot of insecurity and the taxi drivers are installing panic buttons in their cars. Valledupar is responding by increasing the number of police on duty and the Defense Minister is sending some 500 troops to help in Cesar and in Valledupar to combat the "fear zones."

There is an increase in gangs and left wing activities in the country with the department of Cesar being hit by the armed protests of the ELN recently. There were at least three attacks in this department that were in the news. Also, a taxi was burned within the jurisdiction of Valledupar. There were a few things that were not reported in the news. Thank the Lord, no one was killed. The people here have not forgotten the violence that was ending only a decade or so. Recently a mass grave was discovered in Valledupar with 450-500 bodies from that time. We try to learn from the Colombians what to do or how to "lay low" when things like that are going on.

With Our' Eyes Upon The Lord

Even though we ran into people preparing ground corn that was colored for carnival, we have continued to evangelize. Two or three weeks ago, a girl starting college accepted the Lord. A young mother from Venezuela has been attending. Please pray for her (María) who needs to find a job. Also, a man (Lorenzo) finally started to come to Church after the others in his family have made professions of faith and have been attending. Please pray for him. He says that he is sure that he is saved. I am trying to help him and his family so they can be baptized and discipled.

Other Things That Are Happening

In February, we started having the mens fellowship service. In the adult SS class, bro. Simeon is finishing the epistles of John and will be starting the Book of James. We have been studying the Life of Christ Sunday evenings and The Christian Family on Wednesdays. We plan to study doctrines and evangelism in the next few weeks.

Other Requests And Requests For Our' Family

Thank you for praying for our' nephew Steven. He continues to take blood thinners, but his condition is stable. He is working. Also, thanks for praying for Bro. Simeon's dad who suffered a heart attack. Thank the Lord, he is recuperating. We are still praying for an opportunity to share the gospel with him again. Thank the Lord, we are OK. However, our Pastor, (Al Goss) has pancreatic cancer. He is the former Pastor who is now retired and is the associate Pastor. He asks that we pray that the Lord's will be done. Please pray for the Lord's guidance in Hannah's life that she would follow the Lord's will in choosing where and what to study in the future. Thank you for your' faithful prayers and offerings.

Praises:

- ◆ That A Teen Lady Was Saved
- ◆ For New People Attending
- ◆ For The Men's Fellowship
- ◆ For Divine Care & Provision

Prayer Needs:

- ◆ The Lord's Power Evangelizing
- ◆ For Wisdom
- ◆ For Land For The Church
- ◆ For Travel, Health, & Safety

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"His Abundant Pardon"
Is. 55:7

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