

THE HART FAMILY IN COLOMBIA



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A Ministry Of:
"His Abundant Pardon"
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Praises:

- ◆ For Opportunities To Minister
- ◆ Brethren Who Are Dedicated
- ◆ For The Lord's Provision
- ◆ For Our Health & Safety

Prayer Needs:

- ◆ For Doors To Evangelize
- ◆ Finding A New Location
- ◆ For Wisdom From The Lord
- ◆ For Our Health And Safety

Dear Praying And Faithful Fellow Servants Of The Lord,

We are glad to be able to communicate with you once again by our prayer letters. Thank you for taking the time to read them and pray. The weather here has been rainy off and on as we are getting into hurricane season. The rain and cloud cover bring a slight lowering of temperatures which is always welcome.

Difficult Times

Even though the guerillas have been active, the focus has been mainly on the pandemic here. We are now in the time of the highest number of infections. Cesar is now the fifth department with the highest number of cases. The mayor and local government are studying what they should do next. ICU beds are near to capacity. They are considering a stricter quarantine for 15 days in taking "more drastic measures" to avoid the collapse of the health system. The economy has been devastated in Valledupar with businesses like Burger King and national companies leaving. A couple of families from the Church have left Valledupar too.

How It Affects Church

The requirements of the national and local governments have not made it practical to have regular Church services. They require a "pilot plan" that appears to be stricter than in the U.S. The penalties for failing to comply carry sentences of 4 to 8 years of jail and fines. Along with the use of masks, taking temperature, pre-registering, washing hands, and social distancing, some of the requirements and prohibitions are the use of space (we could only have about 15 adults), children and others under 18 are not allowed, adults over 60 are not allowed, any one with high blood pressure, diabetes, or other pre-existing conditions are not allowed, and the services can only be an hour long. Handing out any literature including Bibles and hymn books is prohibited.

What We Are Doing

We continue with online transmissions, and having Bible studies and prayer services. Food prices are constantly increasing. We have been in touch with the brethren by YouTube, Skype, WhatsApp and telephone. It has been difficult to stay in touch with several. We try to periodically send a food basket to help them. Also, from time to time, we give out food to people who come to our door and ask.

A Word About My Visa

Thanks to the Lord, when I contacted a person from Bogota visas, I learned that it is not necessary to renew the visa. He told us that what is necessary is to renew the Colombian identity card. With the Lord's help I will be doing that when the Immigration office opens again.

Our' Family

Thank the Lord, we have been taking care to keep our immune systems healthy. Martha recently has had an ear infection, and is better. Hannah has started her last year of home school. Timothy is in the 8th. grade. We have been in touch with my mom, since I do not know when we will be able to see her in person. As I am writing, her sister died yesterday from normal causes. The pain in her back is under control and she has been doing better. Thank you for your prayers for her.

Thank you for being faithful in praying and giving.



The Hart Family
Michael, Martha, Hannah, & Timothy
Hosea 10:12