

NEWSLETTER

December 2024

Felipe and Majo

What you can be praying for:

- For wisdom as we start planning for this year.
- For new doors opening up with new supporters.
- For provision as we raise the funds for the fundraising trip in April.
- For encouragement as we face new challenges this year.
- Guidance as we seek the Spirit's direction about our family.
- Special prayer request for Mateo, (leadership and Majo's brother) - Mateo will be going to Israel at the end of January to get training in missions for 10 weeks. Please be praying for his safety as well as for the funds he needs.



What we have been up to:

- A few repairs needed to the church building
- Got to take Majo to the concert of a Colombian artist she loves!
- All-in Colombian Christmas!
- Basileia Graduation (Ministry Training School)
- Last Acts 2.42 meeting of the year, and House of Prayer.
- Discipleship and Communion
- Special closing of our year as a church.
- Attended our dear friend's wedding.
- New ceramics production ready!

December is known to be a crazy season...and it was! Always a lot going on! We really hope you all enjoyed this wonderful time.

As the year was coming to a close, there were really many things going on, but we would really like to share with you our highlights.



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What we've been up to

Basileia Graduation

This was a very sweet moment for us! We faithfully finished our two year ministry training at Basileia. This brought us so much joy, but it was a bit bittersweet still because we grew to be so close to so many people that we studied with. Even though we did finish our training we are grateful that Basileia opened an option to do a third year of training focused on leadership. This can only be done by those who have finished the initial two year program, so we are definitely interested in starting our third year! Please be praying for provision as well to pay our semester in full, since there is a big discount available!



Special closing of our year as a church.

This was probably the biggest chunk of the month. There was a whole lot of planning to make this happen! It was an incredible time! We had a delicious Colombian breakfast, which we shared at round tables with our families. We also got the chance to thank God for the amazing year we had as a family, and have great communion! We had a short service with a sermon sharing the gospel, since we had new people that were invited, and then the children's ministry had their performances they had prepared! It was such a sweet time!



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Last Acts 2.42 and House of Prayer of the year.

We truly believe Acts 2.42 meetings and the House of Prayer have become the spine of our church. As we've persevered in these two things, we have seen how this has become a platform to edify our church, to train new leaders and to identify those who remain faithful and constant. The last Acts 2.42 meeting of the year was held in our apartment, and it was truly amazing! We heard feedback from the regular attendees and we were truly happy to see how encouraging these meetings have been. House of Prayer was also a great space to intercede for next year and just thank Jesus for what he did last year. These intercessions have been key for our church. We feel this prayers holding us through it all.



All-in Colombian Christmas!

Colombian Christmas are wild! So many people, gatherings, amazing traditional food, and mostly family time! “Día de las velitas” (Day of candles) is the official start of Christmas in Colombia, and it's a time where we light up many candles and eat. We did this at my in-laws's house with family and a few friends. We spent Christmas with my family, which was very sweet but very different. A great portion of my family is abroad, and this is the first Christmas we celebrated with so few of us. We spent New Years with Majo's family in Girardot, a city about 3 hours away with very hot and humid weather. We shared a meal as a family, saw the fireworks and played board games. It was a very restful time where we also got recharged for a challenging year ahead!



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Please be praying for us!

As you read earlier in the prayer requests, we have many challenges ahead for this year. Mateo, my brother-in-law and part of our leadership team is going to Israel to do a 3 month training program. Please be praying for provision for him and safety!

This also means that there will be many things that he does that we will have to start doing till he gets back. Álvaro, our the head of the leadership team now has many contracts going on, which has got him slammed with work, so his availability at church has reduced significantly. All of these changes as we start a new year and plan, makes things quite challenging. Please be praying strength, wisdom, and perseverance as we navigate these challenges. We are still raising support for my trip to the US in April! Please be praying we raise enough funds to visit new churches that are interested in supporting us, as well as our current supporters.



Discipleship and Communion

We had several amazing moments of communion and discipleship throughout the month. Part of our pastoral duties have been just meeting with people individually and couples for dinners or coffee. This has really helped us to get a good feeling of how people are actually doing in their individual walks with Christ, and these are incredible moments that we get to strengthen relationships and grow as a body. This is something that we really want to grow in this year as we start working harder in our pastoral duties.





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