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FELIPE AND MAJO - August Newsletter

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Beloved friends, family and supporters. We have attached our latest newsletter.

If you have any prayer requests, do let us know.

In Christ,

Felipe and Majo

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What you can be praying for:

- PRAISE! We received an unexpected inheritance with which we were able to pay off all debt, and buy a reliable car! Praise God for this!
- PRAISE! Toddlers and parents now have a finished nursery that they can use during service!
- The new government started taxing donations last year, so now we have to pay about \$400 in taxes for the donations our local church gave us last year. This is a huge unexpected hit for us, as we do not have the resources to pay this. Please pray for miraculous provision!
- Our cellphones are old and are starting to malfunction. Please pray for provision to change our phones soon.
- Pray for wisdom! As the church grows we face new challenges.
- Pray for key people and churches as we start fundraising for next year.



Discipling as-we-go

We have spent a lot of time being intentional in visiting and having time one on one with several people that just need someone to talk to. We have also found ourselves doing a lot more pastoral work than we thought we would, but we have felt strongly that this is something that God has been calling us to do. Many of these conversations happen while we get coffee, have lunch or just after Sunday service. This year we've had a new member that is a barber so it is always great discipleship time when I get a haircut with him.



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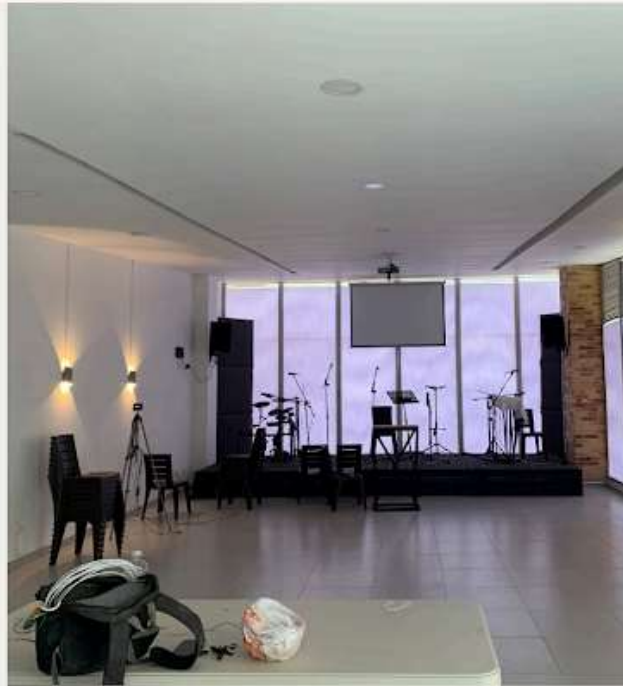
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What we've been up to

Infrastructure improvements to the church

A church member gave the church a generous donation with which we were able to finally complete the Nursery! Walls were painted, furniture was brought in, sound system was installed, and now the toddlers and parents have a comfortable place to listen to the service without interrupting in the main auditorium. We were also able to fix several lighting issues we had, and install new ambiance lights for the House of Prayer! We are so thankful for God's generosity to our church. These upgrades have taken a long time to complete but it is exciting to see that we are advancing in this area! We still have a few more things to get done but these steps encourage us to keep working hard!



Zero debt and new car

As we said previously, our hearts are filled with gratitude! We received a generous amount of money from an inheritance, which we were able to use to pay off all debt! Many of you know that we have been struggling financially for years and doing everything we can to pay off debt, and we were finally able to! Praise be to God! Many of you know that we have also struggled a lot with a very unreliable car, and constantly having to take it to the shop to get it fixed. IT IS OVER! We were finally able to sell that car and with what we had left we were able to buy a great reliable car from my brother. We cannot thank the Lord enough for His generosity to us. It is a relief to not have any debt payments and a functioning car.

Thank you all for your prayers!



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Acts 2:42

It is probably getting old every month mentioning the Acts 2.42 groups, but we cannot make enough emphasis on how much this group has nurtured those who attend. It is always a blessing to have communion time together and digest and dig deeper in scripture and just strengthen bonds. We have started to see leadership potential in several of the people that attend because we have seen fruit after investing a lot of time in these families. Acts 2.42 alongside the House of Prayer have been absolutely key in the growth of our church.



House of prayer

We have persevered in our House of Prayer every Thursday nonstop for two years now. It has been incredible how much us and the House of Prayer have grown over just two years. We have started to understand the power behind constant worship and intercession and how this is key in fighting the spiritual battle in our church. This has been essential to how new people start coming to church and how the ones that are discouraged, are now encouraged and serving in different ministries. We have also committed to serve in the House of Prayer at Conexión Church in Bogotá once a week in one of the shifts. Majo has been serving in intercession and I have been serving playing the drums. This has been great training for us because they have been doing this for much more time than we have, so serving with them has taught us many things that we are going to be able to apply in our House of Church progressively as we grow.



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Teaching Freedom Manual and Sunday Service

Although we have worked hard over the last couple of years at the church, we have been doing administrative work mostly, but the Lord has been calling us to teach more. Both Majo and I have been teaching at the Freedom Manual Course, which has been incredible. We have just finished the classes and we're about to have our closing ceremony. We have seen how many lives have been transformed through these classes. This has become a mandatory course in order to serve because we want everyone serving to have had some healing process. We want people that serve to be spiritually healthy. I (Pipe) have also been preaching a lot more frequently during Sunday service. Although this is not my favorite thing to do, the Lord has taken me to preach more, and He has given me the grace to do so. This is a lot more teaching than we're used to but we just want to be obedient to what the Lord is calling us to do.



Family visiting from the US, quality time, and rest

My youngest brother, Pablo and his wife Katie, came to visit us from Memphis for a couple of weeks and it was just amazing to hang out with them. It had been over a year since we last saw them so we just spent lots of quality time doing all kinds of things with them. We got to spend a couple of days in Villa de Leyva with them, taking long walks and eating great food. We also got to visit my other brother Mateo, who recently moved into the city. We got to see his new apartment and have pizza. We also got together for my grandma's birthday and spent quality time all together as a family.



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