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The Winter/Spring semester of 2023 has been a very challenging year for me and the Lord's work in Colombia. It began as I planned to celebrate fifty years of missionary service in Colombia. With that the church in Colombia held a very encouraging service honoring my service and every single family in the church wrote a very touching letter honoring me and my service. The elders sent a letter in appreciation of my work and included prayers that the Lord grant me many more years of service among them. It was a great beginning to what would become a challenging next few months.

As is often the case, when things are going really great, Satan chooses to attack and will attempt to destroy the incredible things that God is doing in a ministry, and this was the case. As Satan disguises himself as an angel of light, he chose to attack using a person close to me and to attack by appealing to the American false god of materialism. To accuse someone of financial impropriety is a delicate issue for most Americans. His accusations were false, of course, and we were able to prove that quite easily to those who were honest enough to allow us to do so. But unfortunately many of our supporters were seduced by his deceit and simply presumed that the false accusations might have some truth to them and so dropped our support. Tragically, we lost significant support as many chose to partner with Satan in his attack on the work in Colombia by ending their support of the incredible things the Lord is doing there. We are now struggling to sustain the work and continue to do what God has called us to do in Colombia, but it is quite the challenge.

In spite of that, we are moving forward, though with difficulty. After the armed robbery at the camp last November, it was essential that we install a security fence for the safety of the workers and campers. That was a major problem as with reduced support and a major project we despaired of being able to do so. The total fence and with security cameras and all was going to cost somewhere in the area of \$30,000 to \$40,000. But the Lord taught me once again to simply trust Him and one family generously provide a significant offering to cover most of the costs of this very necessary for the project. So we praise the Lord as the fence is now being installed. I will include a picture on the following page.

We had two work crews into Colombia in March and we have two more coming in June, so this will be a productive year as many come and visit the work and see first hand the incredible things the Lord is doing there. The first group did maintenance and electrical work while the second group was from Hasten and was exploring the possibility of a joint effort in health services for the poor of Colombia. Please pray for that project! We very much enjoy having visitors and sharing the excitement of what God is doing in Colombia as even secular social scientists have taken note and called what is going on in Colombia "one of the greatest transformations in religious loyalty in the history of the world!" We are honored to share that exciting work with you are our partners in this great ministry!

We would encourage you to not only continue partnering with us in this amazing work, but to even increase that support to try and help offset the damage done by Satan in his attacks. Please send all love offerings to Colombian Christian Mission, PO Box 95, Rittman, OH 44270. They will be receipted and are tax exempt as we are 503c missionary organization in Ohio.

The posts for the security fence are now installed and we will soon begin installing the chain link fence and the razor wire.

