



# To God Be The Glory!

#### A Difficult Past Year

To God be the glory; we have survived 2023 and are back into full service in our missionary ministry. Highlights of this last year are significant. For most of then past year we were dealing with a satanic attack. The Bible says that "the love of money is the root of all evil" and we unfortunately found that out. But the wheels of justice may turn very slowly but turn they do. It appears you may soon be hearing of criminal proceedings being initiated against those involved in this Satanic attack! If you feel a need to know more of the information about the nature of this attack and those involved, you may contact me directly or the board of Colombian Christian Mission at the Indian Run Christian Church in East Canton, Ohio. But we prefer to focus on the good and what the Lord is dong here in Colombia, so for the Good News!

### **A New Beginning**

Due to our mission Facebook page and webpage being taken over by thieves and mal intentioned individuals we were forced to start over with a new page on Facebook and a new webpage. While we lost most of the historic information we are moving forward and looking to the new beginning as we continue to serve Christ here in Colombia. This will be the first of our re-established monthly newsletters that we will publish initially on the internet and then hopefully offer a print version to those who prefer that media. Please like and follow us on Facebook and then check here for the monthly newsletter to keep updated in detail on what the Lord is doing in Colombia.



Progress at the Camp

Praise the Lord, we have survived and the majority of our supporters were not deceived by the false accusations and fabricated information that was disseminated but the servants of Satan and have remained faithful partners in ministry. We found and recovered a significant amount of the embezzled funds and with those funds we were able to do a major maintenance project at the



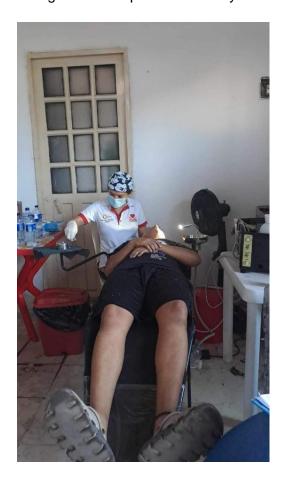


camp. We painted nearly all of the buildings at the camp and repaired rusted ironwork window frames. At the same time generous donations from faithful supporters enabled us to make some major upgrades as well. We installed a much needed security fence around the camp property and were able to purchase and install a light plant to keep the camp functioning during the very frequent electrical outages here in Colombia. We thank those generous supporters who picked up the slack in a very difficult time and in so doing, encouraged us in those dark days.

The light plant is seen here in it's protective structure with the security fence in the background.

#### Joint Effort with Hasten International Medical Mission.

We also began a fruitful cooperative project with Hasten International Medical Mission doing something we had hoped to accomplish for many years but were simply unable financially to do. We partnered with them to serve the poor with medical and dental services and in sharing the Gospel. They have begun supporting a physician and dentist here in Colombia to provide medical and dental services in marginalized areas of the country. We help by providing the logistics and oversight as well as the evangelistic outreach. We are very grateful to the Lord and to them for this significant cooperative ministry.



Tania, the dentist supported by Hasten, is attending to a patient in one of our Hasten sponsored medical clinics

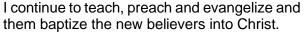




#### **The Work Continues**

During this time I have continued to preach and share the Gospel. We have seen people won to the Lord and baptized into new life in Christ. I have continued to travel and preach using the recently purchased relatively new vehicle or on my motorbike. I have continued to serve the Lord here in Colombia and to preach and evangelize and we rejoice together in the victories the Lord has granted even in the midst of the trials as this has been a fruitful and productive year! We thank you for your faithful support and prayers which has made this possible.







A motorbike is one of my primary forms of transportation as it is economical and efficient.



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The 2019 Toyota Fortuner with only 56,000 on the odometer was purchased to replace our 32-year-old Mitsubishi.

## A Major Life Change: I have remarried!

Beyond that, the other "good news" I have to share is that on December 3rd of last year, after nearly seven years as a lonely widower, God brought a wonderful Christian woman into my life. I married Nohelly Barrera, a Godly woman whom I had known for some 30 years and with whom I had worked in ministry in some form or another for about half of that time. She has been a committed and active member of the local church there in Villavicencio and has helped extensively with the camp ministry over the years. God said that "it is not good for man to be alone" and I realized the wisdom of that statement as I attempted to continue to live and serve without a helpmate. It has been a really blessing to once again have a true partner in preaching the Gospel and with whom I can share life.



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On December 3, 2023 Nohelly and I were married and now serve together in Colombia.

# **Giving Thanks!**

Finally, I thank God for those of you have remained faithful to our partnership in preaching the Gospel in Colombia, South America during this year of trial and blessing. When all seemed lost, God used you to confirm His faithfulness and to bless us and the work there with your faithfulness. We are so thankful that truth prevailed and the lies and those who disseminated them have been exposed. Thank you and may God richly bless you for your faithfulness and encouragement in these difficult times.