

[We Are Four Kinds of Busy!](#)

Time continues to fly by as we finally finished up with the paperwork that is required of us to live and work here in Colombia. After doing the paperwork for my new visa and all last year and then in January, I finally picked up my new Colombian ID card and we paid our property taxes and took care of other required paperwork issues. It is a boring and time-consuming job but one that is unfortunately a necessity for living here. It is a relief though to have all of that taken care of and out of the way. Finally, we could get back to work without the distractions or time lost to such mundane requirements of government bureaucracy.

Then it was time to finally settle down and dedicate us to the work to which the Lord has called us. We worked to do some maintenance at the camp and get it ready for this year of activity. With near constant usage last year a few things were showing the wear and tear, and they needed to be fixed up and spruced up. On top of that the normal work such as mowing the grass and trimming the hedge, both of which demand attention and time as we keep those aspects of the camp looking good as well. We have not been able to make any progress on finishing up that fourth cabin though, unfortunately, but we continue to pray that the Lord provides and that soon He will move some generous supporter to help us get that project started up again as the need is great.

In other areas of the work I began to attend the elder's meetings at the local church and share with them as I serve with the leaders here in Villavicencio. Also, I began to visit different congregations here in our area and often attend two or even three services on any given Sunday as I go from one congregation to another. I very much enjoy Sundays and am thrilled to be able to attend several churches in one day due to the varying schedules of their services. I appreciate the difference and the similarities as each church has its personality and its own traditions and customs. The richness of variety is great and makes for a very enjoyable Sunday of worship and fellowship.



We also began to organize and once again become involved in the medical and evangelistic brigades with Hasten International Medical Mission. This has become a significant part of our work in recent years as it enables us to join two important aspects of our ministry; the helping of others and the sharing of the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ. So far, we have held one brigade in town and another in a village some three hours outside of Villavicencio. It hurts so much to see so many hurting people and as a result it is so rewarding to be able to serve them

and alleviate some of that suffering as we share the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ! We are so appreciative of Hasten and so honored to be able to serve with them by providing the logistics and organization and do the evangelistic work for their ministry here in Colombia.

Finally, we have been very busy preparing for the first work crew of this year as Zion Church of Christ is sending down a crew to help us in getting our publicity back up and online and available to you. Brother Dave Lucas is leading this group and will be doing a lot of recordings of video material to use in that publicity material. His business of David Lucas Communication Inc is providing this service as a corporate and personal donation to our ministry for which we are so very grateful. We look forward to sharing their experience and insights about the work in our next month's newsletter.



In the meantime, we thank each and everyone of you who has partnered with us in this ministry and through your generosity has made all that the Lord has done here through us possible. We do have words enough to thank you for that love for the Lord and for His work here in Colombia!

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