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## *Like in the Days of the Apostles!*

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### Upon My Return

I returned to Colombia on July 9<sup>th</sup> right after my last speaking date and immediately jumped back into the work. Having arrived on Wednesday, I was met at the airport by my wife and stepson and we immediately hit the road for Villavicencio. As it turned out, that was God inspired because that very night landslides cut the road in more than a dozen different locations. It took them more than a week to reopen the road. Had we not traveled immediately to Villavicencio I would have been trapped in Bogotá and missed an important Men's Retreat where I was scheduled as the main speaker.



### My Greatest Honor: Preaching and Teaching for God!

Having arrived in Villavicencio that evening, I rested up a bit on Thursday and spent some time working on my notes for the material I would be teaching. Friday I purchased some supplies and then early Saturday morning I was joined by our Hasten physician and we departed for the conference, that was being held at Agua Azul, a town some four hours northwest of Villavicencio. Some of the area we needed to travel through is guerrilla territory, so we made the transit as rapid as possible with no stops of any kind.

We arrived in Agua Azul about ten in the morning, checked into our room, and began to prepare for the conference. By noon more than fifty men had arrived and we shared a lunch then started with the conferences. Our meetings lasted all afternoon. We broke for supper then reconvened for our evening meetings, finishing up by 9 that evening. The next morning our conference began at 6 AM, broke for breakfast, then continued until one in the afternoon, at which time we ended the conference, shared on final meal, and then each headed back to our respective homes. I taught on the God centered man, the Christian husband, and the Father as role model and priest in the home. Several times I was honored by being interrupted with applause. After the conference I was asked to speak in several different churches as they felt the teaching was important and needed to be disseminated more broadly.



### Evangelization: A Full-Time Vocation

The next week we had events here at the camp and I finished settling back into life and the work here in Colombia. The following week I flew up to San Andres Island, a Colombian territory in the Caribbean Sea. There my stepson Daniel and I spent some time scuba diving and when not in the ocean, I visited the local churches and Christians and did some evangelization. There is a solid Christian presence there from colonial times, but today it is under pressure from secularization and materialism, causing many to abandon their heritage of Biblical faith, so they need the encouragement and teaching. My time there was a very constructive working vacation that gives me some down time and relaxation, mixed in with the missionary work I do here in Colombia.

### Meet the Needs of the Poor, Sick and Discouraged

After our time scuba diving and visiting and encouraging the Christians in San Andres, we returned to Colombia and immediately set out for our Hasten International Medical and Evangelism Brigade. There we attended nearly fifty patients and shared the Gospel with each and every one, inviting them to share in church the following Sunday. These are always rewarding times as we help the poor and also share the Gospel. Hasten provides the financial support for our dentist and physician while we provide organizational logistics and transportation. This is an ideal symbiotic relationship between my missionary work and the specialized work done by Hasten International.

### Camp Meeting New Testament Style!

From that health brigade we immediately launched into a large camp event with more than 120 people present. The camp was packed beyond capacity, but so many people wanted to come and we could not tell them no. So we ate in shifts and had lines for restroom use, but we made do. The event was a great blessing and we finished up by celebrated 27 baptisms, bringing our total for this year to the 100 mark. We very much need that last cabin to be completed, but so far the Lord has not provided the funds with which to finish it, so we wait on His timing.



We have witnessed over 100 baptisms in the pool last few months during our camp season!



### **You Make This Success Possible and Ongoing!**

We ended the month exhausted but thrilled with what the Lord is doing here in Colombia and what the Good Lord has privileged us to be a part of doing and celebrating. We are honored to see such incredible accomplishments and know that God has used us in some small way to do His great work. You too are honored by God to be included as a part of this amazing work through the generous donations you are sending into the Colombian Christian Mission. If you are reading this but not yet a part of this ministry, why not join us today by partnering with us via your generosity and love offerings. You can use the QR code or [link](#) included with this newsletter to donate over the internet, or do it the old-fashioned way by mailing a check to the **Colombian Christian Mission, PO Box 95, Rittman, OH 44270** knowing that God will honor your generosity by blessing you in many different ways!

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