



Did you get this letter in time? I wanted to remind you to **pray for Hannah** as she goes with her team (above) from Prairie Christian Academy to **Bogota, Colombia!** They leave on the 7th of February, and return on the 18th. Their focus will be children's ministry, especially in poorer areas (orphanage, after-school programs, English classes). If it's *before* the 18th, please pray . . .

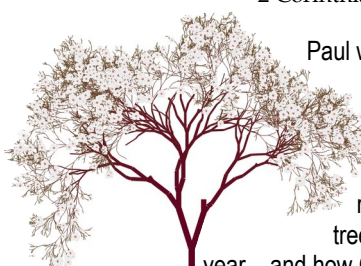
- For the unity of the team
- That the Spirit would work through them
- That they would clearly share God's Word
- For health and safety

If it's *after* the 18th, you can still pray! Pray that those who were touched by God's Word in Colombia would be drawn to the Lord and be disciplined. Pray that each of the team would learn how to integrate their experiences into their lives, and that God would help them to grow as they serve Him in Canada and beyond.

Interesting side note: When we were preparing to go to Mexico, we often talked about Colombia as well. Why? Because in Latin America, only Mexico and Colombia were on two "top 5" lists – fewest missionaries per capita, and fewest evangelical Christians. So we're excited that Hannah can go and represent our Lord in another less-reached area! Plus, she can use her Spanish!

"He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness."

2 Corinthians 9:10



Paul wrote these words to the church in Corinth as he reminded them to prepare an offering that they had promised for believers who were in need. The "seed" reminded me of the almond – a tree blooming in Israel this time of year – and how God provides seeds to grow the trees that provide us with beautiful flowers, nuts*, flour, milk, even oil.

God provides for us all – and he provides *so that we can give!* And what is the ultimate purpose? **A harvest of righteousness, all for God's glory** (2Co 9:13-15)!

We have been humbled by the response to our last letter, when we expressed our need. So many of you responded generously, and your gifts are allowing us to continue. Thanks to your gifts in December, we are no longer in danger of a shortfall in the near future. Hannah has also received all the support she needed for her trip.

Thank you!

We are still in need of monthly commitments to stabilize our financial support. You can also continue to pray for our daily financial needs, as we try to deal with a number of extra expenses.

But now we continue with our focus – that harvest of righteousness!

Praise the Lord for growth! We see new people learning to serve and learning how to follow God's Word, people taking first steps in their Christian life – and people who are still questioning. In December the church hosted an **evangelistic women's breakfast/craft time** (right), where new relationships were formed.

We're excited to be starting a study of **Daniel** on Sundays – a wonderful book about God's sovereignty, and about living in this present world!

Thanks for being a part of this ministry, **investing in PEOPLE!**



On the 22nd of February, we will continue with our local Bible institute – this time a 60 hour survey of the Old Testament. The course is given through the community centre here, in partnership with **Stillwater Community Church** in Rowlett, Texas, and the **Bible Training Centre for Pastors**. Jim is also planning to teach the hermeneutics class to some who couldn't take it last year.

We have been helping where we can in the classes, and Jim has been doing video recording. Completing the courses also allows us to teach them in the future. It's all a lot of work – but it's an important investment in people – sowing of seeds!



♪ Notes of Prayer and Praise ♪

♪ Praise the Lord for His provision for Hannah's trip, and for our financial needs.

♪ Praise the Lord for continued growth in the church in Las Palmas.

♪ Please continue to pray for monthly supporters, and for our daily needs.

♪ Please pray for the studies and classes continuing in 2020 – that God would use His Word to change lives and bring new people to Himself.

♪ Please pray that God would give the four of us in our family wisdom as we try to balance work and rest.



(above) A special Sunday prayer time in the church plant in Las Palmas (women above, men below) – 19 January 2020

* Yes, we're aware that the almond we eat is **not** technically a nut – it's the seed of the almond fruit (similar to the inside of a peach pit). The fruit is edible, but rare in most of the world because it spoils so quickly. Parts of the almond that we don't eat are typically fed to cattle.



Grace & Peace,

*Jim & Shari
Hannah, Nathanael*

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