



# Dennis & Jolaine Thomas serving in Latin America

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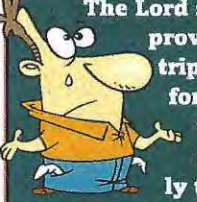
Blessings to all the faithful churches who are participating in the glorious seed sowing ministry that God has given us. The command is clearly stated with no need to complicate or further explain, "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15. What greater love can be shown to a lost and dying world than to revisit the communities, towns, states and countries within our reach and share the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. It doesn't mean that we need to stop ongoing ministries but add to them the outreach. In our last report we had put a date for our departure for Colombia in August. We did not personally know a soul there, no one to receive us. We depended on the Lord of the harvest to be there waiting on us. We comforted ourselves that HIS Angels were camped about and would keep us safe. Jesus asked us to lift up our eyes and look on the fields ripe unto harvest and pointed out that the laborers are few but assures us in the great commission that HE would be with us until the work was finished. God help us to be faithful and laboring until we are caught up to meet the Lord in the air. Let us not be weary in well doing!!! Blessings on all our supporters who pray and give so that others might hear.

## The LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him...

After traveling about the country we came upon the names and directions to three possible radio stations in the capital of Colombia, Bogotá, a city of more than 11 million people. The Spirit of God led me to these national stations. The first two said to be 'patient', to 'wait and we will get back with you' ... I'm still waiting. The third station was the "Nuevo Continente" station and as soon as I explained who I was and why I came, the interview became confusing to me because it was like 'where have you been, we have been waiting for you and how did you find us'. When I said it was a 'random selection', the administrator of the station began to shake her head 'no' without saying why but told me to come back in two days to meet with the directors. I left index files, written concept tracts and website info with full audio and pdf files. That next meeting became a live national interview for 45 minutes to the entire country. Then I was told by another director that they had listened to many of our programs and that they would be playing the program at 3:00 in the afternoon seven days a week!!!! I left them with 430 programs covering 230 topics and returned to Costa Rica with rejoicing that the Lord of the Harvest was already there waiting on me.



The Lord so miraculously provided for this trip. Our concerns for what to eat, where to sleep and how to safely travel throughout the country were supplied for. Even extra printing of materials that we quickly ran out of was provided for! The 'going' was settled when all this provision was made. The 'timing' came with a confidence that 'now was the time' after having wrestled through a global pandemic situation for almost 2 years. The last issue was 'how'! How would we pay for broadcasting in Colombia should the Lord open the door! To God be the Glory....these Biblical Concepts will be broadcast on National Radio Nuevo Continente, 3:00 pm, every single day! The cost to us is NADA!! Not one dime, nor quetzal, nor córdoba nor lempira, nor Colombian Peso!!! AMEN!



### COMUNA 13

"Throughout the 80s and 90s, Comuna 13 was considered one of the most dangerous neighborhoods in the world. It was run by violent drug trafficking organizations, serving as a stronghold for guerrillas, gangs, and paramilitaries." This is where we returned to have personal ministry within the boundaries of the 'main via'. Our time there was not as we'd planned....but that limited 'seed sowing' will not be in vain.



### Colombia

COLOMBIA ... "strongly reflects its history as a colony of Spain. It is often referred to as the most Roman Catholic of the South American countries, and most of its people are proud of the relative purity of their Spanish language. The nation's political instability has been historically tied to the unequal distribution of wealth, and the illicit trade in drugs (mainly cocaine) remains a major disruptive factor in Colombian life."



We were immediately overwhelmed at the massiveness of Bogotá's population which is now estimated at over 11 million (51 million+ in Colombia). Then getting accustomed to the elevation differences! Bogotá is 8,660 ft above sea level! Then...the food! In 'respect' for all our Colombian friends ... quite the challenge! Although we did get to where we could enjoy 'Caldo de Costillas', Rib Broth, for breakfast! But, we never asked for seconds of 'Cocido Boyacense'!



"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." I Corinthians 2:9

Before leaving for Colombia, our Venezuelan and Colombian friends had to have 'last minute' time with us. Santiago and his wife came the very night before we left. He is ex-military in Colombia, and they sought political refuge here in Costa Rica almost 20 years ago. They gave us the expected last words of caution and also family names they wanted us to go to. We prayed before parting....and they made a gift of 50,000 Colombian pesos to us! They did not want us to get to the airport without money in our pockets! That 50,000 was worth so much more than \$12.50 U.S dollars!!!!



Can't you just hear the words of Peter, rejoicing over being 'like-minded and tenderhearted'!