

Colombia, South America

A LAND OF CONTRASTS

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SEPTEMBER NEWS!

The trimester started at the end of August after two weeks of break. Daniel takes two hours of translation in the morning after which I join him (with Eliana) for two hours of a Bible Language class. Eliana usually sleeps through the class and the teacher jokes that she is learning Spanish through “osmosis.” Then Daniel takes her home and I stay for one more hour of one-on-one translation. This schedule works very well for us and provides us the privilege of keeping Eliana with us instead of daycare.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES!

Well, this isn't the laughter section, but some of you might enjoy reading this little snippet of humor... When a friend called on a Monday afternoon and asked if he could speak to Daniel, I promptly replied, “Oh, no. He's not here right now. On Mondays he goes to drug rehab!” Well, you can imagine how we all laughed as I tried to explain that Daniel goes to a drug rehab center on Mondays to share a Bible study with the guys there. Praise the Lord that a couple more missionaries have joined this outreach and will be able to take it over after we leave in December. The guys at the center are hungry for God's Word. Pray that Daniel will have wisdom in leading them to a saving knowledge of Christ!

How You Can Pray For Us:

- ✓ Eliana's passport process - Our appointment at the Embassy is Oct 26!
- ✓ Balancing classes & ministry
- ✓ Bety (Colombian hairdresser)
- ✓ neighbor Guillermo & family
- ✓ Ministry at the drug rehab home

Praises:

- ✓ language studies going very well
- ✓ Eliana's neck is improving
- ✓ the Lord's constant provision for us

COSTA RICAN IGUANA



ELIANA is now 13 weeks old now! She will be three months old on the 17th of October! We are enjoying each stage as she learns to coo and do “push ups” when she's on her tummy. She has started sleeping through the night, which gives us some much needed rest!

We know that many of you have been praying for her concerning the lump on her neck. We were encouraged by the improvement the therapy seemed to be producing, but we were very discouraged after one visit with the therapist in which her neck seemed to worsen. The therapist changed the therapy plan and we have been doing the exercises accordingly. Her neck seems to be almost completely straight now, and she holds her head up very well. We will have her 3-month checkup and shots with the pediatrician in about a week. Please pray that we would have wisdom about whether or not we need to continue the therapy.

Thank you for your prayers!

Dan, Jen & Eliana



BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS!

Thank you for your continued prayers for Don Guillermo. By the way, the title “Don” is like saying “Mister” or “Señor” but in a very respectful way. We were able to finish the Bible Study we had started with him. It was so exciting to watch his enthusiasm for reading God's Word and his growing understanding of what it means to come to Christ by faith alone. Please continue to pray for him and that we would have wisdom in how to further direct him towards Christ.

LAUGHTER (is the best medicine!):

Here is a sign we found in a restroom here in Costa Rica.



CULTURAL CORNER!

We had experienced “tremors” at various times throughout our time here, but we had not yet experienced an actual earthquake until yesterday! We were seated at a table with some friends when we all started to notice movement. The water was shaking in the glasses and the light fixture was trembling. We all sat frozen for a moment when a huge jolt shook the whole house! We all scrambled to the doorways (supposedly the safest place to be in an earthquake) until we were sure it had passed. We found out later that it was a 5.9 on the Richter scale! We thank the Lord for protecting us!