

Mattocks Family Missions

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2019

How are you loving your Neighbor?

I've always wanted to have a neighbor just like you.
I've always wanted to live in a neighborhood with you.
So, let's make the most of this beautiful day.
Since we're together we might as well say: Would you be mine?
Could you be mine? Won't you be my neighbor? Won't you please, Won't you please? Please won't you be my neighbor? - Mr. Fred Rodgers

Not many people are open to having neighbors. When a new family/ person move in to the neighborhood, there might not be that welcoming party that we see in movies. The surrounding families/neighbors bring covered dishes, dessert and introduce themselves to their new neighbors. Hopefully you are one of these people that introduce yourself to new neighbors! But it should be more than just neighbors moving in. What about at church? Children's sporting event? Are you introducing yourself to those around you? I know many people are not very outgoing these days. Things have changed and we now keep to ourselves more and more. We do the head-nod, and that's our greeting to them, a gesture.

In recent years there have been tensions between Colombia and Venezuela, but in Colombia, right now, they have opened their borders to allow Venezuelans to take refuge. Venezuela has been under civil war, and the people are seeking for a better life due to their countries turmoil. Colombia is welcoming the Venezuelans to come and be able to get food, medicine and to start a new life. In Santa Marta alone, where we will be living, there are over 27,000 refugees. Our mission field has now become Colombians and their neighbors.

So my question to you, how are you loving your neighbor? Are we welcoming and loving your neighbors? When was the last time you spoke with your neighbor? More importantly, when have you shown/shared the love of Christ to your neighbor?

Mark 12:31- " Love your neighbor as yourself."

Plans for the New Year

The holidays came and have gone. We spent some wonderful, needed, time with our families; anticipating and expecting our door to be open in 2019. Our last year "home", as I'm sure the meaning of that will change too, for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years was surreal. A feeling that I'm glad the kids were oblivious to. For Isaiah and I, it made for long quiet car rides. Thankful for every moment with the ones we love.

We did travel a bit less in December for the purpose of making new partners and speaking at churches. However, God did not slow down. We were so blessed at the new monthly partners we gained, even in our rest! God is so faithful. Already God has opened doors and 2019 is filling in quickly!

Where are we

Dios es Bueno!!! God is Good!!!

We have met our cash goal.

We are at

52%

of our monthly goal



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Merry Christmas

A Visionary, a Zoologist, and a Warrior Princess...

The terms we use regularly in describing our kids. So much truth yet they are so much more.

It has been amazing to see their growth on this journey that our family is on. It excites my heart when they ask about our date for heading to language school. They are excited to go, for different reasons, but they are excited! Dakota even asked why someone can't just give us the money we need to complete our monthly goal. Oh the faith of a child! Malachi has studied all the lizards and snakes of Costa Rica and informed us of the poisonous ones we have to be ware of. Isaiah is thrilled! TaraBeth continues to believe that the gibberish she says is Spanish. I don't think Colombia is ready for her Spanish attitude. This Momma is not. I pray I learn Spanish faster than her, or we may be in trouble.

We did get an awesome update on the kids schooling while at language school. Incase you were not aware, previously they were to attend an international school. Just within the

last few weeks there has been a change. CINCEL, language school, brought in missionaries who will be teaching the MK's (missionary kids) right on the compound where the adults (us) will be studying. Besides the drop in our cash budget, we are excited and hoping that it will be an easier transition for the kids as they will be staying closer to mom and dad.

Prayer

- New Monthly Partners
- Continued joy and excitement in the kids
- Wisdom in transitions
- 2019 our year of going!!



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It might just be a number, but to our family 21 is very special. Isaiah was born 6/21, I, Heather, was born 12/21. We were married on 5/21. Dakota was born in room 521, TaraBeth in room 321. Malachi was born 7/21. So 21, to say the least, has a special place in our heart.

In the picture above, we are at Trinity Assembly of God in Clay, NY. Lead Pastor, David Hertweck, informed us that we are the 21st missionary that Trinity AG is partnering with. It was to our surprise and blessing to find out that Mattocks Family Missions is number 21 on their missions map!

