

MATTOCKS FAMILY MISSIONS

LOVING THE UNLOVED OF COLOMBIA

WE ARE FINISHED...NOW WE WAIT!

It seems like yesterday we were packing and repacking our 21 suitcases as we prepared to leave for Costa Rica. We were excited and nervous about all the changes and being able to begin the journey God had placed on our hearts so long ago. Now we have packed and repacked our 16 suitcases preparing for what the next step in this journey is.

We graduated from language school on July 9th. It felt like such an amazing accomplishment. We went from knowing nothing, or what felt was nothing, to being able to hold conversations, tell bible stories and talk about scripture with some confidence. Because of COVID we continued to study another two weeks so we could keep up on conversation. The kids also graduated!! We celebrated their achievements on July 22nd. Although they are not ready to have full conversations with you, they understand so much, and continue to surprise me when they speak Spanish. Now, we find ourselves in another time of waiting. We prayed, sought advise and prayed again. The number of COVID cases continued to steadily rise in Costa Rica. The ICU beds were almost at full capacity. Colombia still had no word on when they would open their borders, and to who. We sadly realized that our time in Costa Rica was done, but the door for Colombia was still closed. We prayed and felt the best decision was to come back to the States.

Now we get paper work in order, and make an appointment with the Colombian embassy. We enjoy the unexpected visit and time with family. Most importantly we pray, wait, and hope in God's timing, and plan for our family.

Please pray with us. Pray that the borders will be opened soon. Pray that we are able to get visa and residency paperwork completed here. Pray for us as we live in this season of waiting. Pray for those dealing with the virus and the problems and issues that surround the virus. Pray for the peace of God in our nation and around the world!

Thank you for your continued support and prayers!

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-24

THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD NEVER CEASES; HIS MERCIES NEVER COME TO AN END; THEY ARE NEW EVERY MORNING; GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS. "THE LORD IS MY PORTION," SAYS MY SOUL, "THEREFORE I WILL HOPE IN HIM."

