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Dear Brothers & Sisters and Friends,

On May 9, 2018, we returned to Colombia and started our new term of serving on the mission field. Praise the Lord for His provision in the past four months. We had a wonderful time during our furlough.

Looking back on our furlough



感謝母會及弟兄姐妹、朋友的熱情招待

Tender loving care from our mother churches

For the four years serving on the mission field, sometimes we felt lonely. Especially when there were challenges and difficulties, sometimes everything seemed so helpless. During our furlough, we received very warm welcomes and recognition from our mother churches, in both the USA and Canada. Once again, we have been reminded that we are never alone; we have a great, super team supporting us.

Warm welcome from brothers, sisters, family and friends

The most challenging part of our furlough is traveling to five cities with two toddlers. We can't imagine how we could have gone through the four months without the help from family, friends, and church brothers and sisters. A great thanks to friends and family who helped babysit our kids during our workdays. Also, a great appreciation to those who lent us their car, their house and even children's toys

and clothes. And of course, thank you for all the warm hospitality, the fun gatherings and the great food. We have been filled with not only the delicious food, but also with all the love and joy.

From West to East

During the four months of furlough, we traveled to 5 cities. First, we returned to west coast of USA, the San Francisco Bay Area. Then we flew to the middle of the Pacific ocean – Hawaii, to the first church that Sarah attended and came to know Christ. Later,

Kenny went to the Midwest of USA, Columbus, Ohio, then to the East coast, New York. For Kenny who is from Canada, he caught a great glimpse of what the USA is like.

Sarah was very excited to have a chance to meet with mission committee members from our many supporting churches. Before, we can only communicate through email or whatapps. Now we finally had a chance to meet in person, so we can show our appreciation in person for their continued pray and support.

We praise Lord for given us opportunities to share our ministries in Colombia for the past four years. Every time, when we share our stories, we have been reminded of God's wonderful blessing and provision. We thank our Lord for not only giving us opportunities to share our ministries, but to also have some meetings with churches for short term mission planning. Many churches have expressed their wish to send short-term mission teams to Colombia in the near future. It has been a great encouragement to us. Please continue pray for this. May Lord give us the vision for planning, so we know better how to work with church from North America to better serve the mission field.

Looking forward to our serving

It's been two months since we returned to the mission field. Sarah and Kenny have spent a great amount of time reorganizing our ministries as well as our home. Praise the Lord for looking after us. Now everything is back on track. Isaias and Imanuel have adapted their life in mission field pretty well. Isaias started to pick up his Spanish again.

Chinese class and mom's group

The Chinese class stopped for four months due to our furlough. Sarah was worried that the students would forget what they had learned. Surprisingly, everyone did very well on the first test after we resumed our Chinese class. For the mom's group, their friendship has been stronger and stronger. We have to give credit to for all the missionaries and short term mission teams who followed up with the mom's group when we were away for furlough.

Now every Friday, Sarah teaches Chinese class to the children and youth. Kenny teaches Bible lessons and



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Christian belief to the mom's group. Sometimes, we have local Colombia church sisters to help us, sharing Bible stories with the kids. We are hoping that we can invite more

brothers and sisters from local church to help us. So the kids can learn better about Christ.

Expanding our visitation

Visitation is still playing a very important role in our ministry. Perhaps Sarah & Kenny's Spanish has been improved a little bit, God has been expanding our horizons. Before our furlough, we mainly focused on visiting the Chinese in Bogota. Now, even though we still focus on serving the Chinese, God has opened opportunity for us to share gospel with the local Colombian.

One day, Kenny visited the Chinese restaurant as usual, the owner invited him to go to his living area which is on the second floor of the restaurant. While passing through a dark and humid room, Kenny heard some crying baby sounds. Indeed inside this room, there was a woman peeling potatoes and next to her was a baby, sitting in an old and torn stroller. Kenny found out from this woman that the baby girl has spinal and respiratory tract problems, which affect her development, both physically and mentally. The restaurant hires both the mother and father of the baby girl, hoping to help them solve some financial issues. However, there are still many difficulties for this family: daily living issues, medical bills, etc. The following week, we came back with another Colombian church sister. She was able to share the gospel with this woman and eventually, the woman accepted Christ as her personal savior. Even though we may not help this family solve all their problems completely, we hope after they learn the Good News, they may find hope in Christ. Just as our Colombian church brothers and sisters share with us, many of them are from broken family, and with very few things. After they came to know Christ, their life has changed completely. In Christ, they found a home with brothers and sisters who help out each other. Even though they still don't own much, they feel satisfied spiritually.

May our Lord continue to guide us. May we continue to improve our Spanish language skills, so we can better work with the local church brothers and sisters.



field in Latin America.

Praise and Prayer

- 1. Thank the Lord for a safe return trip to Colombia. Praise the Lord for His provision in the past four months. We had a wonderful time during our furlough.
- 2. Thank Lord for given Kenny an opportunity to attend GOI Latin America regional conference in May. It was a wonderful gathering with GOI headquarters staffs and missionaries from this region. Kenny also learned more about the mission

- 3. We praise our Lord for His guidance in recent visitations. There are restaurants outside of the city, which we cannot visit very often. Last year we visited them several times and we built friendships with them. And now they are more willing to open their heart for the Gospel. May our Lord continue to watch over these families. May the Lord use these Gospel tracts as a channel for blessing.
- 4. A co-worker of a sister in our Mandarin congregation fell from a 4 story building hitting his head on the floor. Thank the Lord for watching over him. He has already returned home. Please continue pray for his recovery.
- 5. Iván Duque won the election to become Colombia's president. Please pray for the transition between old and new government. Pray that the Lord will continue lead Colombia.
- 6. Please pray for friends who join our church events and worship. Pray that the Lord will open their heart to accept Christ.
- 7. Please pray for our new term of serving in Colombia.
- 8. Pray for a wisdom from our Lord.
- 9. Please pray for Sarah's language study.

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