

Itinerary and Prayer List for Colombia Mission Trip February 26 to March 5, 2011

Saturday, February 26

Itinerary:

All the participants will be traveling on this day. Flights will be arriving in Bogota between 8 and 10 PM. After all participants have arrived in Bogota they will be transported to the Convent where they will stay for most of the week.

Pray:

Please pray for safe travels for all participants and ease of making it through customs. Also pray for flexibility and patience as we check into the Convent and find our (small) rooms. And a for a good first night's sleep!

Sunday, February 27

Itinerary:

The group will have breakfast at the Convent and then travel together for worship at a Lutheran Church in downtown Bogota. We will eat together at the church and then go sightseeing around Bogota. Dinner will be back at the Convent with a brief get together afterwards to talk about the week ahead.

Pray:

Please pray for our group as we get to know each other, that God's Spirit would weave our hearts together as we begin our week of living and working in Colombia. Pray for our worship times with our sisters and brothers in Christ and for deep and warm connections with them across language and cultural barriers. Also pray for little or no "culture shock" for participants and a great first day in Colombia.

Monday, February 28

Itinerary:

The group has breakfast at the Convent and then travels to Soacha (about a 1 hour drive) to spend the day working on an elder's house. Lunch will be at the Senior Center/Soup Kitchen Good Samaritan partners with the Colombian Lutheran Church. More work in the afternoon and dinner back at the Convent. After dinner time for blogging, calling home and relaxing. Devotions and conversation about the day after dinner.

Pray:

Please pray for the elder whose house we are rebuilding—that he or she will be blessed by the work we do that will feel through the group God's love. Pray for the group that no one gets hurt and that seldom used muscles aren't too sore!

Tuesday, March 1

Itinerary:

Basically the same as Monday, although we will be working on a second elder's home in Soacha. If we get done in time, we will stop at Pastor Nate's nephew's pizzeria for an afternoon snack before heading back to the Convent. Dinner and time to relax, catch up on e-mails, blogging, etc. Conversation and devotions.

Pray:

Please pray that not only our building, but our sharing and caring with and for the elders of Soacha will remind them of God's love for them in Jesus.

Wednesday, March 2

Itinerary:

The group has breakfast at the Convent and packs up for an overnight trip to Tunja and Villa de Leiva. This is a 3 to 4 hour bus ride with sightseeing stops along the way. We will have lunch with a program and worship with the Lutheran Church in Tunja and then continue on to Villa de Leiva. If there is time, we will explore the town and do some shopping. Dinner at our hotel with conversation and devotions afterwards and an opportunity to do a little socializing at one of the local restaurants.

Pray:

Please pray for safe travels within the country and for openness to and fellowship with the people of the Lutheran Church in Tunja. Also pray for the beginning of a new Senior Center/Soup Kitchen in Tunja.

Thursday, March 3

Itinerary:

The group has breakfast at the hotel in Villa de Lieva and then has the morning free for sightseeing, hiking, exploring the town, souvenir shopping. Leave by noon for a stop at the monument of liberty and a tour of the Salt Cathedral. Dinner at the Convent with time to blog, phone home and relax afterwards. Conversation and devotions.

Pray:

Please pray for safe travels and meaningful encounters with the people and culture of Colombia.

Friday, March 4

Itinerary:

The group has breakfast at the Convent and then heads to the Lutheran Church Headquarters for conversation with the Bishop and other church staff members about our time in Colombia, about ongoing work with the elders in Soacha, and about how Good Samaritan can continue to partner with the church in this ministry. There will be opportunities to purchase Colombian coffee that supports the church's ministry with people with AIDS. We will have lunch there and then head to Montesarate or possibly the Gold Museum. Dinner will be back at the Convent with time to relax and pack afterwards. We will have our last conversation and devotions.

Pray:

Please pray that the partnership between Good Samaritan and the Lutheran Church of Colombia can be strengthened and advanced through our planning, our working and our sharing together. Pray that what we have learned from our Colombian sisters and brothers in Christ during these days will become lasting faith lessons that we can share with others when we get back to the States.

Saturday, March 5

Itinerary:

Get up—very early—pack up the bus and head to the airport. Check in and start the day long process of heading for home.

Pray:

Please pray for safe flights, for many stories to tell and warm reunions back home.

Many thanks to all who have been following our blog and who have been remembering us in prayer through these days in Colombia. We thank God for your partnership with us in this mission trip.

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