

# News from the Wilsons

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I find it hard to put into words what I experienced the last 3 days in Bogota. Representatives from 10 churches came together for training - and I thought there would only be 3! Several represented church plant efforts that are in the initial "small group Bible Study" phase. (*Most of the church plant efforts are in locations that are not the best place for a gringo to travel.*) Some had already had some Biblical training, most were presently active in ministry and all had a deep hunger for the Word of God. Some were managers in companies but most were simple working people with a heart for God.

I know the Word is living and active but I have to confess that I am in awe of how God moves in hearts. I certainly cannot boast in myself, but only in my God, His Word and the moving of the Holy Spirit. These dear folks were ignited by what they learned to do. As Jim, my local missionary partner said, "Seeds were planted and fertilized."



Jim translates for me when I am there. But this time his wife, Jeanie, had severe back pains that kept him away occasionally. God provided a German believer, Olaf, to stand in the gap. This was Olaf's first time to translate and the first time to meet a southern accent. God is faithful and we did fine. Olaf is leading a church plant about 25 miles out of Bogota.

Through your giving, I was able to provide the Precept Inductive Study Bible, pencils, pens and a 40-minute study in Spanish to each family. I can promise you that your investment in these dear saints will bear fruit. I saw hearts changed and many stepped forward with a desire to minister the Word in a new way. Several shared how life-changing the training was. One said, "I will never read my Bible the same way again." Another said, "My life will never be the same."

There are many opportunities there to continue to pursue. I need some supplies for children's Bible teachers (flannel graph sets), books for the June Youth Camp and August Colombian Marriage Retreat. The next opportunity is the June Youth Camp. I will have the privilege to challenge and train about 90 youth, plus the youth leadership team. We expect about 30-40 of the youth to be un-churched. Daniel, my oldest son, and Will Slappey will accompany me. We need to raise funds for airfare for them. We have worked together before on previous trips and I look forward see how the Lord will use these young men in the lives of the youth in Bogota.

## Prayer Requests

- Funding for the trip: Airfare and Materials
- Working out details for a trip in July to Argentina to train pastors about Marriage and Family. I need to fly Jim down to meet me in Cordova to assist in translation. (*Jim is an incredible asset and partner. He and Jeanie entered the mission field in 1973 in Venezuela.*) They have requested two conferences back-to-back over 2 weeks. Whether I can stay that long depends on the financial issues.
- Local Ministry: Disciplining, Teaching Sunday School, Training Workshops in the USA

I especially want to thank you for standing in the gap during the current financial situation. Many have remained faithful to giving monthly so can I teach and train. We have prayed God would open a door for effective ministry. The door is open and all that remains is for us to be faithful. You pray and give and I go on your behalf.



**OLAF IS ON THE NEAR LEFT**



**TRAINING SMALL GROUP  
DISCUSSION LEADERS**



**CHURCH LEADERS  
FROM A BOGOTA CHURCH**



**YOU CAN SEE  
IT IS A WORKSHOP**

Pray for the upcoming Youth Camp in Colombia and especially for some troubled youth who will be there. (Stephen is one that I know by name.)

In His Grip,

*Bobby*