

# The William Aya Family

Missionaries in Colombia

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Beloved Brethren,

It is a joy again to greet you in the sweet and precious Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

These last months I have meditated about the words of the Apostle Paul in his letter to the church at Philippi in Chapter 4, verses 11-13, where he said, "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: ...both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

And in James 1:2,3, "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience."

Last month my wife and I had planned to go to the U.S. so that she could speak in the Ladies Conference of our home church, and I could visit some churches to seek support for the ministry here. Three days before our scheduled departure, as the doctor gave Monica her regular checkup, he gave us the sad news that our fourth son had died in the womb, in his fourth month of gestation. We had to wait a couple of days for the necessary procedure because the hospital where we have insurance was full. God was with her, Deuteronomy 31:6.

This was a hard blow for our whole family since we were anxiously awaiting the arrival of Matthew. The brethren of the congregation in Bogota had given us things for the baby. It was sad and my wife has not yet fully recovered her health and energy level. Romans 8:28. I have tried to lower my work load some and spend more time with my wife and children. I wanted to take them somewhere near Bogota to rest for a few days, but I wasn't able to do it.

The economic situation in Colombia continues to be critical. Food prices doubled because of the high price of gasoline and the fall of the dollar. Today's price of a gallon of gasoline is \$5.10. The government has added some new taxes which serve to squeeze us more. But God is faithful. Brethren in the church have given us food. We have seen the Lord's hand.

In regards to the ministry, we are somewhat limited in support for the work, and the economic situation doesn't help, but in spite of the limitations we sent 500 more courses to Venezuela and 200 more to Ecuador. The students in Colombia continue to increase. God is good and His mercy is forever.

At the start of this month we visited Bro. Hector Alarcon in the jail in Girón, Santander, a nine hour trip from Bogotá. He is going through an emotional crisis because of the bus accident that his wife and children were in as they came to visit him recently. I thank the Lord that I was able to encourage him. I also brought him 50 more courses for his Bible students in the jail.

One of the students in the Picota prison in Bogotá, who had come to know Christ through the studies, called to say that God had answered his prayer for the liberation of some of the people whose kidnap-

pings he had planned. He was referring to the recent army operation that freed 15 people without a shot being fired. This brother is rejoicing and has asked me that we keep praying for him, as he continues his discipleship studies with me.

The congregation in Libano is doing well. Unfortunately I have not been able to go there recently, but Bro. Javier Camello is standing firm.

In San Fernando we have 7 people waiting to be baptized and join the church. We have an attendance of about 90 people. I am still carrying the main load there as well as the correspondence courses. Each day I meet with families in their homes and we take care of the people who come to the office seeking Christ. I thank the Lord for Sister Matilde Pinzon who is doing a great job in the office. Bro. Manuel Barrera is still waiting to take up the leadership of this congregation again.

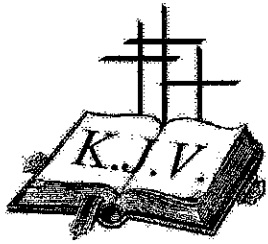
The brethren are working hard on preparing tracts to throw out of a small plane over the Llanos.

Please help us pray for the following:

1. Resources with which to do the work
2. My family to be encouraged
3. We want to throw out two million tracts over the guerrilla controlled areas.
4. We want to distribute books in the public schools.
5. We want to go to each province and sow the Bible courses.
6. We need a truck to be able to work like this.
7. Our daughter Abby needs glasses.
8. We are having problems with the government which we hope to resolve soon. I may have to pay a fine.

May the Lord bless you and keep you. Thank you for your love for us and this beautiful country of Colombia.

William Aya and family,  
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### Evangelism:

- Mass Literature Distribution
- Printing Ministry
- Radio, Newspaper & Magazine Ads

### Discipleship:

- Correspondence School
- Home Bible Studies
- Leadership Training
- Bible Institute

### Church Planting:

- \*Self-Supporting
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*And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. 2 Tim. 2:2*

*"Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life. Prov. 13:12*

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Dear Pastors, Praying Partners, Friends and Family;

A few days ago we called down to Colombia. Our paperwork has been processed by the lawyers and is in the hands of the "Ministry of Interior." As with any government agency, it is hard to know what kind of time-table they are operating on. They are the ones that must approve the paperwork so that a letter of sponsorship can be granted to invite us into the country as missionaries. While this process has gone through several delays and has taken longer "up front," it looks like we are getting close to the end. When approved, it will allow us to legally enter into Colombia under a Religious Visa for 3 years at a time, and it will be renewable from *within* the country. This will also give us the legal standing we need to perform ministry in the country without violating our visa. (After five years in the country as missionaries, we can apply for citizenship, as long as we have not remained outside the country for a period of 6 months or longer.)

Bro William Aya, (who will be the one responsible for our sponsorship) was unable to make his scheduled trip to the U.S. due to the loss of an unborn baby and financial situations which arose unexpectedly. Again, while it was not according to our timing or plans, the Lord is fully in control and we trust that He has a better way. I know the Ayas would greatly appreciate your prayers at this time.

### Encouragement from Churches:

It has been a great encouragement to watch as the Lord has worked through a number of our supporting churches. We know that times have been financially difficult for everyone, and yet in the last couple of months, we have seen at least five of our supporting churches INCREASE their support level. WHAT A BLESSING and ENCOURAGEMENT to know that many of God's people are not holding back, but rather they are pushing forward with renewed emphasis! THANK YOU to all who faithfully give, pray and participate, so that we can go. It truly is a privilege to serve our Lord and Savior!

### Spending some time at our home church:

One blessing of our delayed departure has been the time of bonding with our home church. Truly we can say our time here has knit our hearts in a greater way with our church family. We feel privileged and thank the Lord for giving us such a supportive and solid home church!

Thank each of you for your faithful prayers!

The Moores - Bruce, Ann, Sarah, Jonathan, Rachel, Jeremiah, Abigail, Joel and Jesse  
Exo. 33:14-15

### Prayer Challenge:

Andrew Bonar defined fasting as abstaining from anything that hindered prayer.  
**Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting. Mt 17:21**