



December 1, 2011

Dear Friend,

We hope you had a wonderful thanksgiving! In a recent blog post (http://blogs.covchurch.org) we shared the things we are especially thankful for; one of which is friends and family who support us in prayer.

As we move into December here are ways that you can be joining us in prayer:

- Praise God that all of our **paperwork** is in place to begin serving with Covenant World Mission in Colombia. We have our necessary passports, visas, etc.
- Praise God we have **housing** for the first couple months in Colombia as we will be house-sitting for missionaries who will be back in the States for a short home assignment. This will give us time to look for a place of our own to rent.
- Pray for Katie as finishes her **last week** of work at Covenant Offices. Praise God for these past five years of fruitful ministry in the Department of Christian Formation. Pray for Julio as he finishes up teaching his ethics class for CHET and finishes the Spanish translation of the book, *Living Faith*.
- Pray for us as we say **goodbye** to our church family and friends in Chicago; as we pack up our belongings and leave Chicago on December 22nd. Pray especially for our children as they go through this huge transition.
- Praise God we get to spend one more **Christmas** with Katie's family in Minnesota, before heading to Colombia the first week of January. Pray for a special time together and for strength and peace as we say our goodbyes.
- In news from **Colombia**, Praise God for Yvonne DeVaughn, the Director of AVA: Advocacy for Victims of Abuse, her husband, William, and Teresa Hillis, who came to Colombia and taught 50 people/coaches. These coaches were trained to be AVA advocates on behalf of those who have been hurt and shamed because of abuse,



and to share these teachings in their churches, in their homes and in their communities. Praise God that this international partnership took some big steps forward. It was a very blessed and special conference.

We are so thankful for you and look forward to writing to you in January from Colombia!

Blessings,

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