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## News from the Isaza Family

### *It's Getting Closer! Here are the FAQs!*



Dear Friends,

Spring is around the corner (or so we hope) and time seems to be flying by. We look forward with anticipation to our move to Colombia, knowing it will be here before we know it. We are thankful for new technology that allows us to keep in touch with people in Colombia, but it's simply not the same as being there. Julio continues to have great conversations about life and faith over Skype, with his friend Arbey, who recently made the decision to give his life to Jesus. Arbey is so eager to dig into the Bible and has so many questions. He's already expressed a desire to use his skills as a civil engineer to serve others, especially in helping to build churches in the more rural areas of Colombia that lack resources. We praise God for the way Arbey's life is being transformed and pray for others like him. What a privilege to walk along side them...even if it is from a distance for now.

What follows is a little **FAQs** section that we've put together to answer some of the questions many of you have been asking. We hope it gives you a better picture of how things are coming together.

1. What is your estimated date of departure? We hope to be heading to Colombia in the **fall**. Julio will graduate in May and finish his internship over the summer! Our going is contingent upon whether or not we have raised all our support. We have to have 100% of our support for two years pledged/committed before we can buy our plane tickets!
2. How much of your support have you raised? Praise God we are at **20%**. We are so thankful for the people who have helped us get this far. We cannot do this without you! We continue to trust that we will be able to raise the remaining **80% in the next 4-5 months**.
3. If I want to support you, do I need to give money now? Is it better to give a one time gift, or a monthly donation? One time gifts are great and so are monthly donations. If you choose to give monthly, you do not have to start your giving now. You can wait until we are closer to our departure, if you choose. However, we **DO** need to know that you are committed to give. So, please fill out and send in a **commitment/support card** as soon as possible. Your commitment/pledge will help us reach our goal. This can be found at <http://blogs.covchurch.org/isaza/support-information-2/> or contact us and we will send you one.
4. How else can we support you and partner with you? **Pray!!** You have no idea how much your prayer makes a difference. Other ways you can support us are by **getting the word out!** Invite us over to talk with your small group, or a group of friends, who might be interested to learn more about Colombia and how we'll be serving. Talk with your pastor or mission committee about the possibility of partnering with us.

#### Ways to pray for us!

\*Pray for health and safety as we travel and visit churches to share about Colombia!

\*Pray for quality time as a family in the midst of a busy schedule!

As you are praying for us, we are praying for you! Please write and let us know how you are and how we can keep you in our prayers. We are so thankful for you! We'd love to talk over a cup of coffee or skype!

Blessings, Julio and Katie Isaza