



Praises!

- Several new supporting churches
- Salvation of Alex
- More meetings scheduled

Prayer Requests

- Upcoming meetings
- Safety on the road
- Vehicle to continue to run well
- May trip to the Amazon



New Supporters

We want to praise the Lord for the support He has provided over the last month. Several new churches and two individuals have decided to take us on for support. In under two weeks, we went from 35% to almost 48% promised support. We are so grateful to each of you who have taken us on and look forward to continuing to see God bring in those He would have partner with us to take the Gospel to Colombia. Please pray with us that several churches, who have recently expressed their desire to support us, would have that ability when they bring their decisions to a church vote.

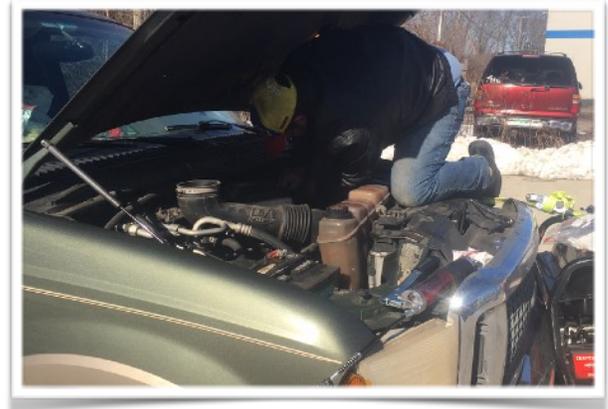
Darkness to Light

On Sunday, once we got the kids down for their nap, I decided to take a walk to think and pray. As I walked across the parking lot where we were staying, I noticed a car pulled into an empty

lot behind a nearby building. The tinted windows were rolled up, but I could hear the beat of music throbbing through the air and decided to walk over and see if the driver would want to talk. At first, the young man was afraid that something might be wrong, but after striking up a conversation, I found that Alex was struggling with some difficulties in his life and had stopped to sit and think. He allowed me to go through the Gospel with him, and when we finished, bowed his head and asked Christ to save him from his sin. The thing that struck me about his prayer was that he asked God to save him and “take this darkness and fear away.” I was reminded of the words of 2 Corinthians 4:6, “For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” Praise the Lord that Alex has been delivered from that darkness and now is in the light.

Prayer Requests

We have been blessed that our vehicle has continued to run. We bought it with over 200,000 miles and, in less than a year, have put another 30,000 miles on it. We have a minimum of another 18,000-20,000 miles scheduled for this year and look to see that number climb. We have had some minor issues here and there but would covet your prayers that we would have both safety and be free of breakdowns that hinder us from making our meeting commitments. Also, please pray that we can be a blessing to people at churches we are in. God is using deputation greatly in our lives as a family. We would love to see Him use it to call others to His service and see folks saved. We are in a lot of different places and have opportunities to witness and give out gospel tracts. Pray that we would have much fruit abound to your account—even on deputation. Last, we would like to schedule another 10 Sundays for this year and as many Wednesdays as God would allow. Please pray that we can fill these Sundays with the meetings God wants us to have. We pray and believe that God is more than able to allow us to finish deputation this year. May we be faithful to do what He has called us to do.



Your servant to Colombia,

Matt for the Smith Family