

To: **Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley**
From: **TE Nate Bonham (MTW)**
Date: **May 31, 2013**
Subject: **Out-of-Bounds Annual Report (2012-2013)**

Dear Fathers and Brothers,

Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, from Bogotá, Colombia in South America. I hope this letter finds you all doing well as you shepherd God's people. It is with much joy that I can share with you how the Lord has been at work during this past year.

I continue to labor out-of-bounds with Mission to the World, and I thank you for the privilege to be able to do so. Last September, after the Lord demonstrated his faithfulness by bringing us to 100% support, we bought our one-way tickets to Bogotá. Since touching down in Colombia, it has been an unforgettable journey filled with many joys and trials, but the Lord has used it all for our blessing and His glory.

Our first year is dedicated solely towards language learning. Not only does it involve listening, speaking, writing, and reading, but it also means learning a new culture (and I thought Greek and Hebrew was challenging!). I long to teach and preach, but I know this season of language learning must come first. This fall, we will begin the second phase of our apprenticeship program by working with a new church plant, El Refugio (The Refuge).

At this point, my family, along with TE Josh Kines and his family, are still on schedule to leave Bogotá and move to our long-term location in Latin America in the Spring of 2014. We are also excited to announce that we now have a partnership of three families. We have partnered with Nathaniel & Alicia Gutierrez, who are also long term missionaries with MTW. Nathaniel comes from a long line of missionaries in Peru. We are thrilled to see how the Lord has brought this team together.

I would seek your prayers in several facets. First, we have been officially matched to adopt a child (Luís, 4) from Colombia. We hope to finalize the adoption in July. Second, pray for my family as we learn Spanish and deal with the expected culture shock. Third, please continue to pray for the unity of our team and protection from the Evil One.

I would also like to thank Presbytery for their generous financial support as we serve with MTW. We are also grateful for the many churches that have partnered with us. Again, thank you for this privilege of laboring out-of-bounds, and I humbly request your permission to continue doing so.

You can always find more information about our mission at: **www.CrossCollaboration.org**

Grace and Peace,

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