

MONTERÍA

Colombia

SUBJECT TO GOD'S TIME

While visiting the different churches we informed them that we planned to move to the mission field by the end of January 2024. That was our goal! This month came to its end, our luggage is almost ready, and we are still in Texas. No doubt about it, this has been a learning experience for me and my wife. Psalm 37:7 says: "Rest in the Lord, and **WAIT** patiently for him". The whole process of obtaining our Colombian visas had to be done online. We were not allowed to go to the Colombian Consulate in Houston!

After about one month of effort to contact them, I was able to speak with the person in charge of processing the visas. He informed me that in order for them to approve our visas we must have a religious organization registered in Colombia and approved by the Ministry of Exterior, a Certification of legal status of such organization, issue an invitation to come as missionaries to Monteria, Colombia.

In order to obtain the above mentioned documents, the Consulate Officer advised us to move to our mission field with a 90 day visitor visa which is given to us at the airport in Bogota. We will use this time to first establish ourselves in Monteria, to start presenting the gospel to the Monterians and to gather the documents to request our religious visa. But, since it must be requested from outside of Colombia, we will be coming back to the States the first week of June. Then, we will submit our request and while waiting for it, we will be attending the ABA National Meeting in Springfield, Illinois.

We are in the process of purchasing our tickets for the 8th of March, 2024. Please pray for us!

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

First Baptist Church, Cave City, AR.	\$1,000.00
Cedar Grove MBC, Cave City, AR.	\$ 200.00
Eutopia MBC, Cave City, AR.	\$ 100.00
Lebanon MBC, Poughkeepsie, AR.	\$ 100.00
Maxville MBC, Cave City, AR.	\$ 100.00
Mission Bend MBC, Houston, TX.	\$ 50.00
Pleasant Valley MBC, Batesville, AR.	\$ 100.00
Bethel MBC, Bethel, OK.	\$ 531.69
Biserica B. Semanatorul, Otopeni, RO.	\$ 100.00
Iglesia B. Rio Jordan, Ticul, MX.	\$ 60.30
Erika Maldonado. Houston, TX.	\$ 30.00
Alfredo Jori y Blanca Carballo	\$ 100.00

MISSIONARIES

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SENDING CHURCH

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Cave City, AR**

PASTOR - Ron Canard

MY FATHER WENT TO BE WITH THE LORD

On the 14th of this month my father underwent surgery to declodge some obstruction in his left leg. The procedure was a success and we took him home the next day. His recovery seemed to be going well. Thinking that everything was going to be just fine, my wife and I drove from my hometown in Mexico back to our home in Katy, Texas. His health condition started to worsen and the Lord called him home during the early hours of January 21. He was 8 days short of his 90th birthday. What a privilege!

As before, I took the opportunity to share the Gospel on various occasions with the friends and relatives who came to show respect for my father.

Thank you very much for your prayers, text messages, cards, and offerings.



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