

# MAY UPDATE 2013

## THE KAUTZ FAMILY ~ MISSIONARIES TO COLOMBIA

### A Window of Time

*The 4/14 Window refers to the demographic group from age four to fourteen years old, which is the most open and receptive to every form of spiritual and developmental input.*

It was just one day, but it has impacted families in a real and amazing way. We asked for one Sunday in the local church to celebrate and pray for children all over the world. We expected it to be fun, something different and hopefully eye opening for the church to see that children are an important part of the church. God meant for it to be a day where he would change the hearts of children, restore families and inspire adults with an amazing move of the Holy Spirit.

One single mother had come to us weeks before in tears about her 10 year old son. He was disrespecting her consistently, yelling at her and out of control in the home. She cannot read and depends on him to help her manage basic tasks like filling out a bank form to pay the utility bill. Her son had begun to take advantage of her dependency on him, threatening not to help her if she didn't buy him something he wanted. She came to us distraught.

On this Sunday of celebration, her son came forward for prayer and I prayed with him as I watched crocodile tears pour from his eyes. God was moving in his heart and you could see a change across his face at the end of the service. His mother came back to me two weeks later and said, "He is a different child. God has turned him around and he is respectful and loving."

A family visiting church for the first time accepted Jesus Christ as their savior. Several of our pre-adolescent girls who had been facing a lot of peer pressure and life-altering decisions laid their burdens at the altar and received something special that day. At the end of the day many adults came to us in awe of what they had seen God do in and through the children. This local church, and I pray many more throughout Colombia, have seen the impact God can make on a child and the special place each child holds within the church.



From top left: Children sang as part of the worship team, a young boy being prayed for, girls in the altar. Bottom: Pre-adolescent girls in prayer, children singing and dancing during praise and worship and one of our boys praying for the children of Colombia.

## A Call for Help

Over the next few months we have some very exciting and important ministry events and we are asking you to help us go equipped to each one. Since the beginning of this year, we have been receiving 72% of the support promised when we left for the field. That means each month we face a deficit of income to keep the ministry running. God has been so good and faithful every month to keep us going. We have some special ministry events ahead and we're asking you to stretch a little bit more and help us cover the needs for each of these outreaches. Each one requires travel either by bus or car and materials for ministry.

**Would you please pray about giving an extra offering this month? We are praying that together we can raise \$5000 to meet all of the ministry needs ahead. Whether it's an extra \$5, \$50 or \$500, everything will help make these opportunities to train leaders and spread the gospel possible.**

Here's just a little bit of what's happening between now and the end of July, apart from our normal day-to-day ministry with the local church:

**June 7th – 10th** is the first Children's Ministries Conference where we will be part of a team teaching churches how to start various children's ministries from basic Sunday School and Children's Church to programs like Royal Rangers and Impact Girls Clubs. Three hundred leaders and teachers from churches all over the western side of Colombia are expected at this four-day conference to learn how to minister to children in their communities.

**June 22nd and July 1st** are two separate one-day kids' crusades in two different cities. We're expecting a fun but powerful day in each city as we teach children about missions at one and give them "the missionary experience" and teach on overcoming obstacles with prayer at the second.

**July 6th – 13th** is a special week of evangelism where we will be visiting outreach centers (children's feeding programs, homeless shelters, etc.) in the mornings and doing kids crusades every night.

**July 17th – 28th** we will be working alongside fellow missionaries as 80 students from Georgia come to do ministry in the city of Armenia.

We need you. The presentations are prepared, the details are set, but we need help to cover the cost of making each of these happen.

Can you help? [\*\*You can go to this link\*\*](#) to give a special offering or sign up for monthly support if you're not already one of our monthly supporters and would like to give a set amount every month. (When given the option to choose a class, please choose class 00 as that is our work/ministry fund.)