

PAUL AND SHERI MORELAND
MISSIONARIES TO COLOMBIA, SOUTH AMERICA

5/20/15 – A telephone number for now in the U.S.A.: Dear friends and family, Our cell phone number while we're in the U.S. will be 417-434-3263 We are using an unlimited calling plan, so don't worry about calling us.

Paul W. Moreland <paul@sacm.net> **JULY 2, 2015**
3:59 PM (2 hours ago) – to Rejoice

Dear co-laborers in Christ's harvest field,

Greetings from the Rocky Mountains!

Sheri and I continue to visit our family, friends and supporters in the U.S. In June we have been in the states of Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Kansas and Colorado! It has been a real blessing to be able to share first hand with many of our supporters about the work that the Lord has been doing through our ministry in Colombia. We have also been blessed to spend time with friends and family and have managed to take some time to relax and recuperate along the way.

We marvel at the Lord's provision for our needs through His people and are very grateful for the many ways our needs have been met along the way.

The work in Colombia continues to go strong. The different team members are pitching in to do their part and the Lord is blessing them as they serve Him with a glad heart. The last week of June a family camp was held near the city of Ibagué. We praise God for those who organized it and participated in it.

We are looking forward to the rest of our time in the U.S. and to catching up with as many of you as possible. Please continue to pray for us and for the church in Colombia during this time.

In Christ, Paul and Sheri Moreland

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South American Christian Mission

"... to prepare the saints..."

Ephesians 4:12

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Dear co-laborers in Christ's harvest field, – **MAY 7, 2015**

Greetings from Coffee Country - for the last time 'til October!

Resurrection Celebration—The last Sunday in March Sheri and I left Pereira after the weekly meeting of the church and drove to Medellin where we stayed with her folks and I did some necessary paperwork for the church there. We then headed up to Guatape Reservoir to the Stringers' property to get ready for the rest of the week. On Wednesday evening a bus full of members of the church in Pereira arrived, right at dark and as the rain started to fall as we unpacked the bus. A bit of excitement was had when the bus went to a neighboring farm to park—and almost went down the hill into the reservoir as the driver could not see clearly in the dark and rain.

The next afternoon we were able to get it unstuck and safely ensconced in the parking spot. In the meantime everyone was enjoying the chance to be out of the city and amongst the beauties of God's creation. The next few days were spent in fellowship during the day and a time of praise and worship and Bible study in the evenings. Everyone pitched in and things went smoothly. Each evening we looked at different aspects of Jesus' sacrifice for our sins.

On Saturday we were able to take the bus to view a natural phenomenon, a large monolith called "El Peñol," followed by a time of sightseeing in the nearby town of Guatape. On Resurrection Sunday we gathered dark and early to celebrate that our Lord and Savior arose from the dead with a special Communion service followed by breakfast and packing the bus to return to Pereira. Sheri and I had a good trip home in the car and the bus followed. Everyone arrived overjoyed at the time of fellowship and discipleship and relaxation that had been our blessing to participate in.

National Association of Christian Churches—The leaders of most of our churches around Colombia met in Bogota around the middle of the month to discuss the proposed bylaw changes for our association. We discussed both the part that identifies our fellowship to the Colombian government and the part that regulates how we work and cooperate together. Both parts were amended slightly from the draft and then unanimously approved. We have now sent the documents to the appropriate government oversight agency, and should receive a reply by the end of June, the Good Lord willing.

Local Leaders—During my visits to Bogota on business it is not easy to prepare sermons and teaching plans. Thankfully, the guys in Pereira stepped up to take over these duties. This has been good practice for them as they will be taking over all preaching and teaching opportunities while we are in the U.S. this summer. What a joy to see our men step up and do their part for the growth of the church!