



Fall Newsletter

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A Word From Bill Perrow

Greetings Friends and Family,

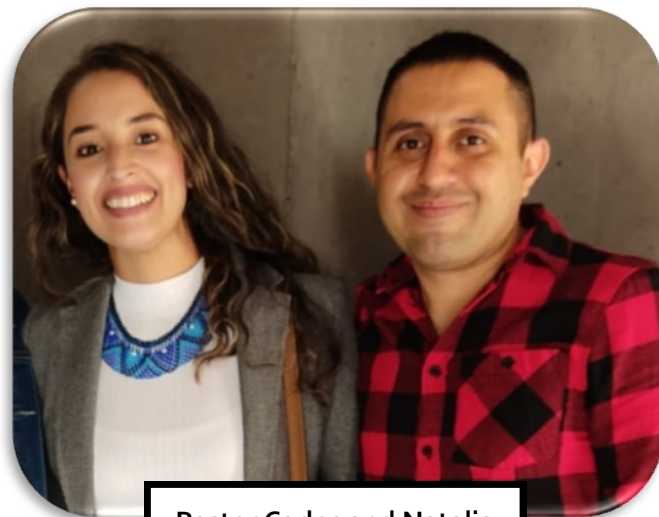
We hope everyone had a wonderful summer and is having a blessed Fall. I wanted to share a few words abouts Elijah’s story in the Bible. Against overwhelming odds, Elijah miraculously defeated the prophets of Baal at Mount Carmel and he prayed for the blessing of rain to return to Israel ending a three-year drought. After this, Elijah was filled with great strength and high expectations as he ran down the mountain looking for a nationwide revival in which Israel would completely return to the Lord and overthrow the wicked, idolatress regime of King Ahab and Jezebel, which would usher in a new age of God’s blessing. Elijah’s hope was destroyed when Ahab remained in power and Jezebel issued an edict demanding the death of Elijah. He fled into the wilderness and hid and fell into a deep depression, even asking for God to end his life. God, in his mercy brought Elijah out of his depression and gave him a new assignment. The assignment was to anoint two men as Kings, Hazael of Aram and Jehu of Israel, and to anoint a successor named Elisha. All these men would eventually play a role in the demise of Ahab and Jezebel. Elijah’s primary ministry was to invest in the life of people.

The ministry of Open Arms over the years has been about people: boys, girls, babies, and to the people in the churches. Open Arms has endeavored to show Christ’s Open Arms of mercy and compassion to the lost and suffering. Now we continue to minister and invest into the lives of the boys living at the farm through the Open Arms church. The long term goal is that Open Arms continues to minister to people in Colombia as a national Colombian ministry. It is a con-



tinual prayer that the Open Arms ministry continues to minister to the lost and destitute children of Colombia. A prayer that just as God raised up Elisha to carry on with the mantle of anointing, God would raise up the next generation who have a burden and compassion for the children. Every mission should have the objective of establishing the next generation which will carry the mission into the future. This is my current goal. There is a missionary couple who visited the USA, whom I hope will be a part of the long term future of Open Arms Foundation; Pastor Carlos and his Colombian wife, Natalia.

Pastor Carlos is from El Salvador and Natalia is from Medellin, Colombia, and they both are called to the ministry. Carlos is an administrator and definitely has a pastor's call because he genuinely cares for the people in the church at Robledo and it is flourishing. Natalia administrates and leads in worship at the church, plus she is also bilingual. She has also started helping with some administrative tasks with the Foundation. Administration is one of her God given talents.



Pastor Carlos and Natalia

Open Arms Churches

The downtown Open Arms church, as you may recall decided to rent a meeting hall in the downtown area which more adequately meets their need as a church. All the churches are legally separate from the Open Arms foundation, and they now have their own nonprofit status. The downtown church is growing and prospering. Once a ministry is established, there is a principle in missions to let it continue to grow by giving its leaders true ministry authority and independence.



Natalia having an activity with the boys

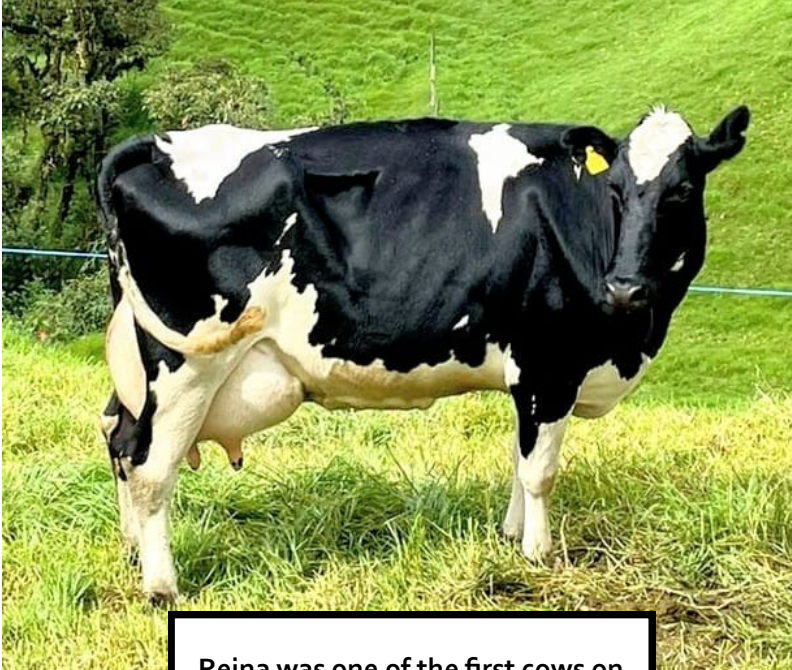
Robledo Church Report

Pastor Carlos and his wife Natalia have been focusing on working with the families of the church by visiting them individually and ministering to them. Also they have established home groups within the homes willing to host the groups. Pastor Carlos and Natalia are also the Pastoral couple at the boys farm and are working to establish a relationship with the boys so they and the church body, can minister to them and help heal the emotional wounds that our boys have. One of their goals at the boys farm is to teach our boys about the gospel and instructing them on different life topics with a Christian view. The most important things for us is that our boys can leave the farm with faith in Jesus and a solid Christian worldview based on the Bible.

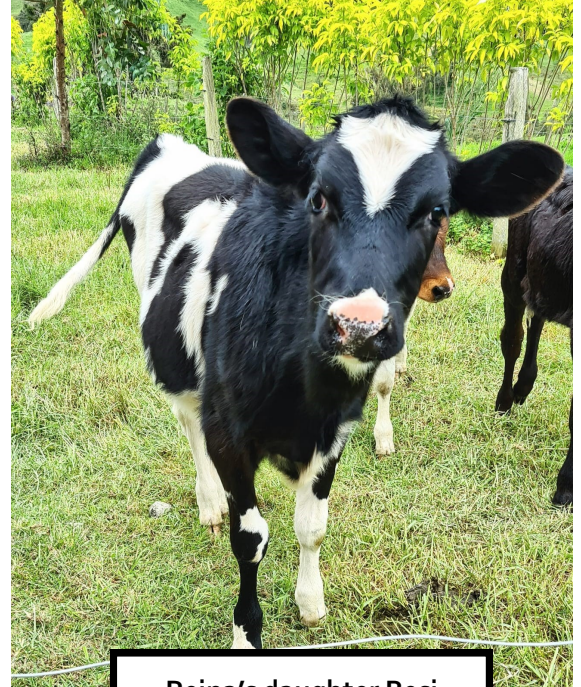
Dairy Report

In Colombia the rains caused by "la Nina" continue to fall. The rains have subsided somewhat, but we still have too much rain. The excessive rain makes it hard for the fertilizer to stick on the slopes; therefore, only the flat tops and the bottom land receive the full benefits of the fertilizer. We are now going to have to sell a few of our herd to assure that the healthy cows will receive the proper nutrition for high production. The cows that do not become pregnant will have to be sold. Building up our herd seemed like such a monumental task, but our God is faithful. Through the efforts

of many people and churches we have a problem that is a good problem, we actually have too many cows! This is something we thought we would not be saying, praise the Lord!



Reina was one of the first cows on the farm



Reina's daughter Besi

Children Report

We wanted to do something different with this children report section. Usually we give and update on children that are currently at the farm, but with this report we are going to give a report on some boys who recently graduated from the program and how they are doing. The boys that leave the program are your legacy as supporters. Through your prayers and donations the boys were able to live, heal, and grow at the farm. Because of what you did as supporters we were able to send out these young men into the world with a new chance at life. Thanks to your support they were fed, cared for, and most importantly were able to learn about the gospel and Jesus. You have looked after the orphan, and we pray God rewards everyone for this beautiful thing you have done.

One of the things that brings us much joy is to look back and remember all the boys who went through the program and who are now men. John Henry, one of the first, who is now a successful fitness instructor. Mario, who became a motorcycle mechanic and brought his aged mother to live with him in a small town near the boys' farm. Yilmar, who now lives in Belgium with his wife, and who originally made the trip to the city where the foundation is hanging on the back of a tractor trailer. Christian Giraldo, who lives in San Pedro, and works at the cheese factory and is happily married with two beautiful children. Jose Pablo, who is now a practicing psychologist. Juan Guillermo Usuga, who studied theology and has his own transportation company. We could write a whole book on the children who passed through the Open Arms Foundation. Thank you so much for helping us change the lives of these children. It is amazing how God can transform the lives of little, broken children, it will never cease to amaze us.

SANTIAGO
GAVIRIA
ECHAVARRIA
16 YEARS OLD
GRAD
MAY 2021



He currently, lives in a neighborhood called 'Enciso', in the city of Medellín. He works in a shoe repair shop during some days, and as a construction assistant on other days. He wants to finish his studies through validation modality (2 school years in one). In this way, he intends to work during the week and study on the weekends. This will help his mother economically.

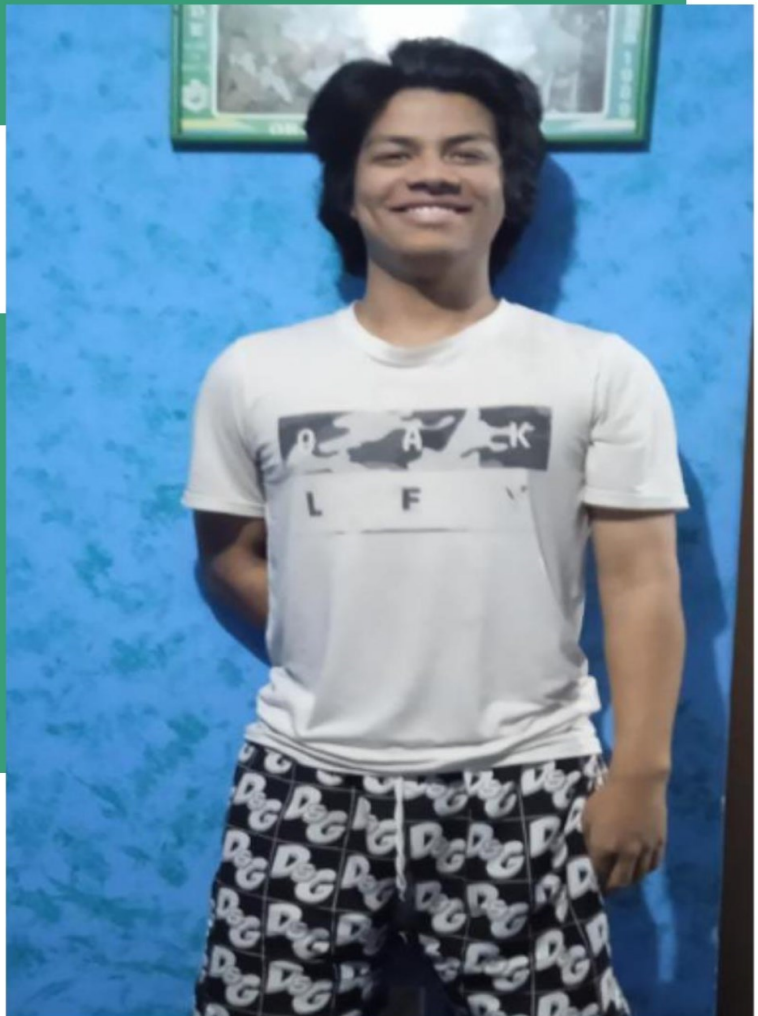


-9TH GRADE



His aspirations are to start working in a stable job. He wants to study robotics engineering and civil engineering. He considers his experience at the Open Arms Foundation unforgettable because he learned a lot and it helped him to change his life to get away from bad friends and have a better relationship with his mother.

His mother says that since he left the foundation, she has noticed that he is more responsible and more considerate of her.



EMANUEL
AGUILAR
RAMIREZ
17 YEARS OLD
GRAD
DECEMBER 2018



He is currently living with his parents in a neighborhood called 'Juan XXIII', in the city of Medellín. He is continuing his studies through validation modality (2 school years in one). At home he follows the rules and guidelines of his mother, and has a very healthy life. After leaving the foundation, he kept away from the streets.



-6th/7th grade



He considers that his experience at the foundation was excellent because, now that he is more mature, he has realized that all the positive changes he has had in his life have been the fruit of having been at Open Arms. That experience helped him to work on his character, through all that he learned from the mentors.

His future expectations are to finish his studies, study psychology and start his own clothing brand.



SANTIAGO
ACEVEDO
PULGARIN
19 YEARS OLD
GRAD
DECEMBER 2020



Currently, he is living with one of the cooks who worked for the foundation. She kindly received him at her home, located in Robledo close to Aurora Metro cable station. Santiago is 19 years old, he studies Multimedia Production. He says the Open Arms Foundation helped him to move forward and to be a good person.



He studies
Multimedia Production



His wishes are to become someone who grows personally and spiritually, to become a professional, with God's help, and to accompany his brothers.

His expectations are to get a scholarship, his own house and finishing his studies. He wants to be a good, Christian man.



How can you pray?

- That all of the Foundation's needs will be met.
- Please pray that we have wisdom on how to be good stewards of God's ministry.
- Please pray for all the staff and missionaries at the Foundation that God will bless them and strengthen them in their labor.
- Please pray for the churches that they will be refreshed and strengthened in their ministry.
- Please pray for the boys at the farm that God can continue to transform their lives.
- Please pray that the remaining money owed to the Foundation by the Christian builder will be paid in full.
- Please pray the Foundation can be supplied a new vehicle to transport the children.
- Please pray for Clara's adoption process that it can be swiftly finalized
- Please pray for a hedge of protection around the boy's farm and that the children can learn their identity in Christ.
- Please pray for both Santiago's and Emanuel that God would keep them and protect them in everything they do in life.

How to Donate?

In order to donate please click the **Give** link on our website www.openarmsfoundation.com or through our mobile app or send a check or money order to the following address.

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