

Dear Pastors, Friends, & Family,

I trust all of you had a great Christmas and are off to a great 2025. We always enjoy a few old traditions and create some of our own during the holidays. I hear that many of you have snow today, even down in my neck of the woods in Georgia; so I wanted you to know that as I write this letter it is currently sixty-three degrees here in Palma, which actually feels cold to us. It's amazing how you get accustomed to certain things no matter where you live.

Our year has gotten off to a great start! The first day of the year, Wednesday, we had our normal midweek service. When I woke up that Thursday, I had a message from a man in my church who was going through something difficult in his life concerning his parents who are a little older and live in Colombia. The message he sent me said that he talked with his parents after he got home from church; he told them that he forgave them and that he could do so because God had forgiven him. For an hour and a half he gave them the plan of salvation and answered their questions; on January 1st, he got to lead his first two people to the Lord, his parents in Colombia over the phone!

That same Thursday Christy met Paulina for coffee. Paulina and her family live in one of the apartments above our church building. Her daughter came to VBS and has been coming to church faithfully. Several months ago the mom, Paulina, started coming as well. During her coffee meeting with Christy, Paulina prayed and accepted Christ as her Savior.

Around a year ago, I told you about a young man named Julian who came in to my office wanting to talk about having demons because his mom practiced witchcraft and had put some spells on him. Back then I was able to lead him to Christ, and his life and countenance completely changed. Recently, his friend Joel has been struggling with some things. Julian told him that he needed to come to church. He has been a few times recently, and two Sundays ago he went out with Carlos during the invitation and repented of his sins and got saved!

That same Sunday, the 19th, we announced to the church that Carlos would become their pastor in May. The time has come for us to hand the church off, and Carlos and Rounnellys are ready and capable to fill the role of pastor. Obviously, this is very exciting! As a missionary, many times, this is what you work for: to plant a church, get a building, and hand a growing church to a capable, God-called couple that you have invested in. While this is extremely exciting, it also brings some uncertainty into our lives. We do not yet know what is next for us as a family. We are praying fervently for God's guidance and for wisdom. We covet your prayers as we step out by faith in turning the church over to Carlos and seeking what God has next for us. Although we do not know exactly what it is yet, we are excited to find out what God does next in our lives.

Thank you for your prayers and support,
Markie Bullock

