



College Student ministry at Universidad Minuto De Dios

“Counting The Cost”

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“For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it.” (Luke 14:28)

Vision Focus - Discipling Young Leaders

In my last newsletter I talked about the *High Risk* and uncertainty of Missions. We are strategically investing in the lives of young people because we know that they will be able to transform the future for the Kingdom of heaven. We also know that there is an **URGENCY** to reach them **NOW** while they are still adolescents.

God has opened the door for me to seize new opportunities for ministry and building into the faith and lives of young people in so many new ways.

Over the past two years I have worked as a bi-vocational pastor, returning to the U.S. periodically to work contracts with the U.S. Government. This new opportunity would require me to live 100% from support and to devote 100% of my time to ministry and teaching.

In order to be able to return to start this new ministry opportunity I need to raise \$21,000 (or \$2,500 per month) in the next 60 days. I am so thankful to the team of faithful prayer warriors constantly praying over me who have assured me that we will be able to raise this, because we are going to pray and because we are going to do it together.

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Your generosity is needed to make this happen:

Snapshot of “El Camino Academy”

- El Camino Academy (ECA), a bilingual Christian school for pre-K thru 12th grade has invited me to join their team of missionary teachers as their Middle School Bible teacher and Chaplain, teaching and providing Pastoral care for 90 middle schoolers and 50 faculty at a school of over 300 students.
- This exciting new ministry platform would require about 45+ hours a week and would require me to raise my full support and return before July 21, 2019. You can help!
- A few months ago The Holy Spirit led me to ask if we could bring Young Life ministry to the school (ECA) and they were happy to have us come in. They let me know that they can help us connect with many other bilingual schools in the area for us to expand student ministry.
- They were excited about the college student ministry, and other student ministries that I have been doing and encouraged me to continue in them as a professor at El Camino Academy.
- Find out more: <https://eca.edu.co/>

Discipleship - Counting the Cost

I am so thankful that God opened the door and you sent me here to seize the opportunity to spend my life and give everything that I have teaching, training and discipling an awesome group of young Christian leaders. This past month, in addition to training more than 18 leaders from Bogotá and Chia, God gave me the opportunity to speak to over 100 youth leaders from all over Colombia about "Why We Serve - Not Forgetting our First Love - Jesus"



In the college ministry we just started this semester, God has helped me build relationships with students taking time to help them with class projects and hang out with them, spending my life with them because I love them so much.

Jesus tells us "any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple." - (Luke 14:33) A question that pastor Andy Stanley asks us to ask ourselves is this: **"What is the faith of the next generation worth?"**

Opened Doors

It was so awesome to be able to go into the school at ECA with a team of Youth Leaders to pray with a group of 11th and 12th graders preparing to leave for a missions trip, then to be able to be there again after the trip to hear their stories of how God moved in their own hearts as they were ministering to others.

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A Transformed Life

Thank you for partnering with me through your prayers and giving. Lives continue to be changed through our ministry. Tatiana's story is so beautiful. She says her life is completely different now. She was an orphan because when her father died, her mother abandoned her. She explains that before she knew Jesus, her life was hard. She had a lot of pain in her heart and had many questions. But now, she feels very special, experiencing the love of God and realizing that He has healed her heart. She was baptized this past month and is now being discipled and serving with us as a new Young Life Leader.

WANTED: Ministry Partners

WANTED – Persons with a high tolerance for pressure and a desire to make a difference!!!!

REWARD – An exciting adventure that requires 100% effort and fulfillment at life's end!!!!

My Missions Director has ordered me home to raise the \$21,000 (or \$2,500 per month) that I need to return to the field and I need your help to get back to Bogotá by July 21 to begin the fall semester. I would like to invite you to partner with me financially using one of the methods below to send me back to God's harvest.

• Mail checks to: GlobeWorks International Ministries,
P.O. Box 661435, Birmingham, AL 35266,
and write "Mark Cooper in Colombia" on the memo line

• Or, donate online with PAY PAL at: globeworks.org

NOTE: for PAY PAL where it says (Use this donation for) enter: "Mark Cooper: Colombia"

I invite you to partner with me to change these people's lives. You can accomplish something Great.

...let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. (Hebrews 12:1)