

The Meléndez 'Aventure

looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:2



Greetings from the Melendez family. We pray this letter finds you all well. We think of and pray for you often. God is good even though our situations are difficult. Even though we can only see our present, He can see our future. His plans and ways are perfect and we should trust in them. This year we have been focusing on trusting in God's plan, even when it goes against what we personally want. Please continue praying for us, that we would continuously follow the Lord's calling.

We had many intentions of traveling up to Vermont for a visit this spring, but it isn't looking possible. We are seriously praying that the Lord would allow us to have the time and funds to take a trip to Peru and Vermont this fall. We haven't been to Peru in four years. Please pray that everything will fall into place for us to be able to go. Our heart's desire is to return to Peru to serve the Lord in the church planting ministry. We are praying for and working towards this goal.

Daniel is officially in the process for his USA citizenship. His US citizenship is necessary for immigration reasons. Without his US citizenship, we will not be able to travel back to the USA if we leave. This process takes anywhere from 9 to 12 months. We are praying that it all goes smoothly, and we are seeking the Lord's direction for the next steps in our future ministry.





Ministry in the church plant here in Mcallen, Texas has been busy this year! We have had many evangelistic outreach opportunities in several neighborhoods near our church. New people continuously have been making decisions for the Lord, are being baptized, and are being added to the congregation. Our weeknight life groups have been going through a discipleship training since February.



One of our big goals right now is to truly disciple our young believers. Just like Jesus took 12 men to be his disciples and spent time with them, teaching them and modeling for them all that God is. This has become a vital part of our ministry not only with the youth, but also with the adults.



We have a lot of exciting things coming up in the next few months. Life is going to be very busy, but we wouldn't have it any other way. One of the bigger things we have coming up is our teen camp. Last year was our first year of doing camp, so now we have an idea of what to expect. Our theme for camp is divergent, being in the world but not of the world. Pray for us as we plan camp, we have a huge need for young adult volunteers to be counselors and help us with the program.

Our children are growing up fast! Anna and Samuel are going to be 6 years old this July and will be starting 1st grade in the fall. We are going to continue the homeschooling adventure. There are a lot of wonderful resources close to where we live. We have a huge children's library, and museum, as well as many nature parks that we integrate into our homeschool life. Elias our youngest is going to be 3 years old in June. He is quite the handful, is very active and is full of personality. Daniel and I celebrated our 8th wedding anniversary in March. God is good!

Thank you all so much for your continued support and prayers. Our ministry wouldn't be possible without all of those who stand behind us as prayer and financial support warriors. We pray that we will have a chance to see you all soon as the Lord allows. May God continue to bless you always as you remain faithful to Him. In Christian love,

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