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From the Cojons

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Prayer Requests:

- For Edgar's mother, Loyda, continued strength in her fight against cancer
- For the children and families of Ciudad Quetzal and for God to heal hearts
- For the escalated gang and drug war violence

Answered Prayers:

- Loyda's cancer is in remission and so far they have not lacked the funding for her treatments
- The great nursery staff at CAG where Nathan stays while I teach
- For God's provision and blessing for our family

Music has always been my passion. From the time I was little I liked the flute. I was very happy when I could come up with a new song on my own. At the age of 14, I was in charge of the music at my church. At the time I only knew a few chords on the guitar. It was not a big problem although it had its limitations. My dream was to dedicate my life to music ministry.

I discovered that it was not easy to dedicate my life completely to service in the church. The spiritual, moral and economic help was difficult to find in the family, friends and church. Another difficulty was the lack of good examples to follow, referring to music ministry. I did not have men and women around me working completely with music ministry to find the answers to my questions. I began studying music and Bible on Saturdays but I could not continue. My unanswered questions continued.

When I was finishing my studies in the university and preparing myself for a career, I met Laura, my wife. With her, little by little, during our dating relationship, my desire to continue serving fulltime in the church grew. I worked for a short time at my church but then I had the opportunity to enter the seminary and began a four year degree in theology with an emphasis in music. The first four years of my married life I studied theology and music. During this time I discovered new gifts that I had like teaching the Bible and pastoring.

I see now that everything was a process that I had to go through in my life to understand and comprehend God's calling in two things: conviction and faith. Conviction in being sure of where the Lord wants you and the responsibility that that requires. Faith to remain confident that whatever happens it is worth it to give everything for the Reign of God and for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, I write this brief history without a lot of details to share with you the responsibility and joy that I have in God's calling for my life. During this time of ministry together with my wife, we have not been alone. We would not have been able to do what we have done until now without the help of many people who have supported us in different ways. The work in ministry does not end and all the time we need to renew our support to continue with the work of the Lord. For this reason we are looking for new people to help with our work. I ask you that you become part of our ministry in giving us your invaluable support in four areas that are very important. These areas are: prayer, encouragement, physical and economic. We need all of these to continue with our work.



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I say goodbye, thanking you for the time that you have taken to read this. If we can be of help to you in any way, we are at your service. God bless the fruit of His work in the Gospel.

By the time you receive this letter it will be close to our arriving in the United States for our month and half furlough. We are looking forward to meeting with many of you during our time there to share more about our ministry. I leave you with a text that says "Therefore, my dear brothers and sister, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." I Corinthians 15:58

Blessings,

Edgar, Laura and Nathan Cojon



Men's retreat from the church in Ciudad Quetzal and Sumpango at Casa Mana.

Nathan with his church nursery buddy, Jeremy Angel



Ciudad Quetzal church celebrating one year!