

# Bogotá Bulletin

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## Leaving the Nest

This past month has been an eventful one in the “Eagles” phase of the ministry. Julian and Jenny, both of whom grew up in the ministry, left to do their Discipleship Training School with YWAM. Julian is in Argentina and Jenny is in Chile. They’ll both spend several months growing in their faith during the lecture phase, then reaching out to others in the outreach phase. My former roommate Doris, who attended Luz y Vida as a child, finished her DTS and has decided to stay in Chile to complete her YWAM counseling school.



Julian's goodbye party



## The party that happened 7 months late

I wanted to celebrate Chinese New Year and throw a house warming party when we moved in back in February, but the house wasn't ready for guests, and then life just got hectic. Finally, with Sara and Stephen back and a legitimate Chinese holiday on the calendar again (mid-autumn harvest festival) we opened our house to everyone on the Formando Vidas team. On the day of the party I was out of the house before 7am, on my way to the local produce market to buy all the ingredients we'd need. My housemates and 4 friends cooked up a storm and we had over 40 people show up for home made Chinese food, games, and even some dancing. It was a great time, and so fun to be able to share our home with everyone who feels like family here. We had so much fun we're already trying to figure out what our next party should be- something Mexican themed and a Christmas party are 2 of many ideas.

## Want to send a letter?

My address is: Kr. 7b # 126-71 Bogota, Colombia

To send support, make checks out to Formando Vidas and send to Formando Vidas c/o Robyn Patzig 4520 Shadowridge Dr. The Colony, Texas 75056-4064. Include a note with my name.



## September at Luz y Vida

September has been a busy month here at Luz y Vida. In Colombia, September is the month of "amor y amistad"- love and friendship. In the weeks leading up to love and friendship day, we played secret pals and on Friday the 16th, we had a celebration, complete with chocolate cupcakes and a final gift to our secret pal. To help the kids actually live out what it means to be a good friend, and not just give their secret pal a piece of candy every day, in our devotion each morning the theme was how to be a true friend. All of the teachers took

turns sharing with the students what the Bible says about friendship and love.

Also on love and friendship day, we had a wonderful visit from a string ensemble. They played Spring and Summer from Vivaldi's Four Seasons for us while the children listened, entranced. I'd had my doubts about the children's reception of classical music; it's a pretty strong contrast to what they are used to listening to. But their rapt attention showed me the power music has to speak to us, and the joy of

experiencing a live concert.

This week was culture week at Luz y Vida. Throughout the week the students studied the geography, culture, and natural resources of Colombia's six regions and worked on projects to share at today's Culture Fair. I was so proud of the work they accomplished this week. Watching their excitement to share what they had learned and their interest in filling in their question sheets as they "traveled" to each region of Colombia was a great way to end a busy week.

## Prayer Requests and Praises

October is a month of fierce spiritual warfare. Pray for God's spiritual and physical protection for staff and children in the ministry.

Praise God for Ingrid, a returning volunteer from Canada, she'll be focusing on families.

Pray for staff and finances

within Luz y Vida in particular and the ministry as a whole. As we look towards next year, many of our staff at Luz y Vida are undecided as to what they will be doing. Pray that God brings new dedicated full time volunteers.

Praise God for clarity and direction in my life. I have decided to stay for another



year, which made several people in the leadership team very happy. Continue to pray with me as I seek God's direction for his vision for my life in the next several years.