CATALINA TATE SUMMER 2023



"Proclaiming
the praises of Him
who called us out of
darkness into His wonderful
light"



1 Peter 2:9

## DEAR FRIENDS.

"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea" (Habakkuk 2:14).

At the end of March, Jim and I, with team members Anne and Dave Nelson traveled to Pereira, Colombia to offer The Journey of the Life-Giver discipleship program to a group of pastors and leaders. This discipleship program seeks to instill in every participant Christ's view of human life. As these disciples experience a personal transformation, they also take responsibility to pass on to others what they learned and experienced. With faith they are led to live lives that reflect God in the world, becoming effective ambassadors for Christ

and His Kingdom.



Our host Dany and his wife Monica were very gracious to receive us in their home. What an honor and a delight to get to know them better and share time with their children.

We had a very faithful group of 14 women and 11 men who gathered for five evening sessions and one all-day gathering on Saturday. They were

eager and engaged in the exercises, participated in the discussions, and asked great questions. One comment we heard throughout the week was how much participants appreciated the teaching methodology. Many of them said, "This training has allowed us to be active participants and we learned together."



As the week progressed, we saw a committed group of leaders that were hungry to learn and talk about life issues. The topic of God's design for marriage and family, and Biblical Sexuality offered the opportunity to recognize how the church is the place where these topics need to be talked about, taught, and practiced if we are to bring a change in society.













There were Spirit lead times of tears and sharing the burdens of their hearts. A participant said "After the biblical sexuality session, I felt I needed to talk with my spouse about a previous behavior. My spouse was very gracious to me." We had the opportunity to pray for this couple and encourage them to allow this event, to bring them closer together and not otherwise.

Our last session addressed the Next Steps. Here the participants shared how the Holy Spirit is leading them to use what they learned. We heard of desires for sharing not only in their own churches but in community centers, youth, and civil organizations, using these opportunities as means to bring the Gospel to the lost.



We praise God for a remarkably good trip. I am grateful for God's divine presence, for a great team to work with, and for each of you who supported us with your prayers and financial giving.

## **Prayer requests:**

- For our new friends in Colombia. That they will continue to absorb what they learned and that the Holy Spirit will strengthen, guide, and empower them for His Kingdom work.
- That the truth that God is the giver of life will be embraced in a transformational way. In each individual first and in the community as they share and multiply the message.
- For the follow-up that happens via Zoom. Continued interest and commitment to meet.
- Praise and thank the Lord with us for this opportunity to bring a life-giving message to the church in Pereira. All for His glory and His namesake.
- On a personal front, please continue to pray for Philip and Alyson, and for Eliana. Direction from the Lord for their lives and future.

Many blessings and love to each of you,

## Catalina Tate



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