



Stephen & Erika Jones

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Dear Family and Friends,

The New Year has begun, and we are excited for the ministry plans of this year! Ministry work always requires faith, and this year we are praying for God to increase and deepen our faith beyond what we have experienced thus far!

I would like to give a very, very brief summary of our year 2024:

Q1: Found a godly pastor near Ambalema to continue the work we were doing! Traveled with Dad to Santa Marta, Colombia to interview a new Drive-In partner to take possession of and use the Colombia mobile unit. Mar 29, Eri and I moved back to Prattville, AL.

Q2: Moved into a supporting church's missionary house as we adjusted to new life and starting into my new roles at Drive-In. Started helping again with the weekly movie nights at Drive-In Park. Worked to help catch up on equipment maintenance and park projects. Reconnected with some Hispanic contacts here.

Q3: Moved into a rental house while we continue to pray for the sale of our Colombian house. (Still praying) Finally felt like life was settling down some for us. Eri started a job as a public school kindergarten teacher. Helped with one of the big events at the park!

Q4: Had our last seasonal movie night at the park. I traveled with Dad to South Carolina for movie nights and also to meet a Hispanic pastor in the area which opened the doors for future movies with the Hispanic community there. Planning for Spring. Attended Drive-In Park's volunteer appreciation dinner to recognize and thank our team of volunteers! Christmas and New Years celebrations with family!

Christmas 2024 was the first Christmas season that I didn't feel overwhelmed and rushed by all the "hustle and bustle." We did enjoy a variety of Christmas events and activities, yet, somehow, I didn't feel the pressure as I have in years past that I had so many things to do and not the time to do them. It was so refreshing to sit back and enjoy the season, rather than rush through it like a whirlwind! We had a quiet Christmas morning for the two of us. We made breakfast and read the story of Jesus's birth in the Bible. We missed being able to take part in the Christmas Eve celebration with our family in Colombia, but we're learning to enjoy being where we are and who we have around us at the time! We had a great time on the day after Christmas celebrating with my parents and siblings—talking, eating, exchanging gifts, and playing board games.

I'm excited to go on my first international trip as Hispanic Ministries Director. I'm going to Guatemala with my dad in February to meet and connect with our partners there and see how the Lord is working through them with movie ministry. This is my first time visiting Guatemala and the trip is two-fold. One: for Dad and I to meet the new president of the seminary who we partner with, and two for me to meet the leader in charge of the movie ministry. I'm excited to visit a new place and explore this new role in international ministry.

Thankfully, we've had a very comfortable December which means we've been able to do more work at the park. Since putting up the soccer field lights in November, we just finished the remaining electrical wiring so that we have all 24 lights in operation! Praise the Lord! We have already had a couple of night time rentals of the field! Additionally, we have been building metal swinging gates to be used at the park entrance and hope to finish and install them this month. We're currently using a metal cable with a sign to close the park, but the gate will look much better and be more functional.

We're so excited to see what the Lord is going to do in 2025!

Thank you for your prayers and support,
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- Prayer requests:
- Development of DI Park.
- Development of Hispanic Ministries both locally and internationally.
- Full time support raising.
- Mike and Stephen's Guatemala trip.

