We are back in Michigan after over a month on the road. The trip included stops in Virginia, Florida and Colombia, SA. In Virginia we had meetings at a school and a church. Florida involved representative meetings at our new headquarters and a visit with family. From there we flew to Colombia and spent most of our time in Fusagasuga at Nuevos Horizontes missionary training school.

IMPRESSIONS

- Colombia is a modern place in the cities.
- Colombia's high altitude in Bogota and Fusagasuga makes you think about your breathing.
- Colombia has about everything that an American would want.
- In Bogota and Fusa there is a blend of the old and the new.
- Driving in Colombia is close to a bumper car experience.
- Colombia is a beautiful country.
- Colombia is facing a major refugee crisis on it's border with Venezuela.

If you have not followed the news of South America, the country of Venezuela is facing an economic disaster. The country is dealing with hyperinflation. Prices are increasing at 80% a month and their money is virtually worthless, crime is rampant, food is scarce, 80% of medicine is gone, there is no paper to even write a perscription if there was medicine. People are fleeing the country by the thousands. This is a country that possesses the largest oil reserves in the world. Our contacts are telling us that whatever you have heard, it is worse. Women are selling their hair to buy food or having it stolen.

 But God is in control. In the midst of all this we are told that large numbers of people are coming to the Lord in Venezuela. So many church leaders have fled the country that there is a lack of mature christians to disciple the new believers. Please pray for those who are continuing with this work in the midst of the crisis.

Colombian churches are seeking to deal with the needs of the thousands of refugees there to show the love of Christ and witness to those coming. This is not an appeal for money but an appeal for prayer. Those suffering are not asking for money but for prayer.

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