



# NEWS AND MORE

What is happening at Forming Lives Foundation.

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## GOD CAPTURED MY HEART!

As I read, Hark "The Voice of J  sus Calling" by Daniel March, I once again felt a tugging at my heart. It was the voice of J  sus calling, "Who will go and work today? Loud and long the master calls you; Who will answer, gladly saying, 'Here am I. Send me, send me.' " Those words...they resonated with me. This was in 2013, when God placed a dream in my heart - His dream. Back then, I wasn't even thinking about what I could do for God's kingdom. I wasn't far enough along in my spiritual journey to question it. I just knew I felt a stirring inside. Something in me wanted to say, "Send me!" I believe that's where a God-sized dream begins—with God capturing your heart and placing a dream within. I didn't understand it then, and I didn't know what God planned, but I see now that's when He started capturing my heart. He was drawing me closer to Him and His desires for me. I now look back at the beginning of the journey He that started in May of 2013, when I joined a mission trip to Bogota, Colombia. It was a trip that I would not forget. On a cold, rainy evening, we drove up a curving mountain road to visit the town of Santa Cecilia. I can't explain why, but my heart was instantly captured - not by the muddy road or the wild dogs running around, not by the cold empty frame of a building with a grey cement floor, or even by the view from the high mountain top. No...my heart was captured by the dream shared by Pastor Lucy and Pastor Ricky: building a community of faith that would provide spiritual, emotional and physical transformation to the people living in Santa Cecilia.





## FORMING LIVES HELPS SOLVE THE PROBLEM

To solve the problem, Pastor Lucy explained that she and her husband Pastor Ricky wanted to build a church providing opportunities of spiritual growth for members. The church would include orphanage, training center for educational support for the children and youth, and skill-development for women. Through an organization called FORMAVIDA, they wanted to transform the community from one that was known for its violence, drugs, and crime to one that would be known for its compassion, self-worth, and self-esteem...THIS DREAM CAPTURED MY HEART! Had God told me way back then that I would be creating a non-profit foundation to support the building of a Community Center, I wouldn't have believed it. I wouldn't have known what to do, where to start, or who to talk to about it. However, I learned that God would lead the way. This was a God-sized dream. This God-sized dream started to grow when God captured my heart...Has God captured your heart? If you don't think He has, don't think He won't. In fact, if you're wondering right now when He will capture your heart, maybe that's a sign that He's already started.

Do you feel a tug at your heart?







# MISSION TRIP

If you are planning to journey on missions trip, make sure your heart is in it. You should feel the burden of the mission on you. You should want to make the world where you're going a little better. Your heart in all of this matters. God places burdens on our heart for where He wants us to be. The mission should be pulling on you and should be coming from a servant's heart.

## Volunteer With Our Mission Trip!

Join us March 6- March 14 2020 as we journey to Santa Cecilia, Colombia and help the community with Phase 2 of the construction project. Volunteers will work with the people of Santa Cecilia, as they clean the grounds and add a bakery to the community center. We will also be sharing God's word with the community to build their spiritual lives.



Forming Lives Foundation  
**Mission Trip**

**Volunteer  
Lend a Hand  
for the  
Children!**

**COLOMBIA**

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2020  
March 6  
-  
March 14

# UPDATES

Year to day, as of 8/2019, FLF has collected a total of \$3,400.00

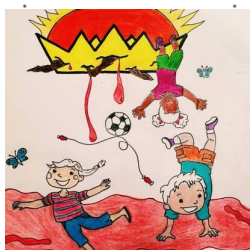
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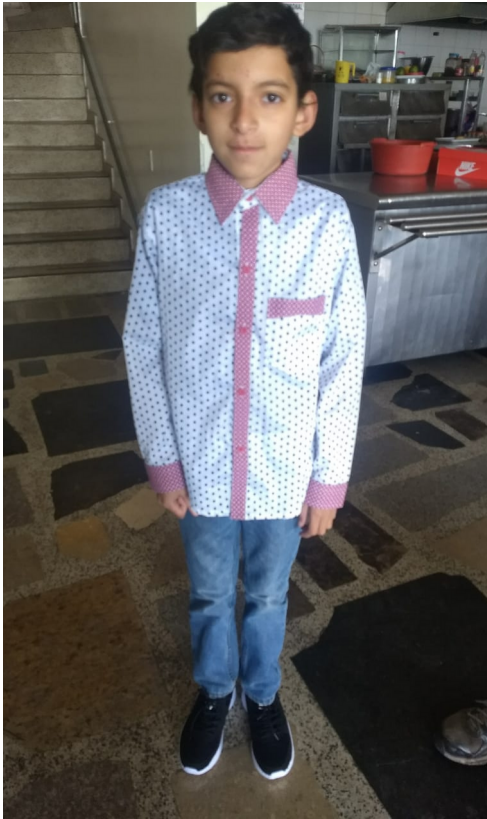
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# BRAY'S STORY

*What better way to demonstrate transformation than by telling the story of Bray*



Bray and his siblings are some of the hundreds of children who come to Fundación Formavida. Bray is a regular participant in our after-school program, where he receives tutoring, practices sports, and can enjoy his childhood with other kids in a safe place. Bray is also a refugee of the Venezuelan crisis; he and his four siblings were forced to migrate to Colombia, as they knew this would ensure their survival. Because of the community center and its programs, we give children like Bray a place to belong, so he can learn, build friendships, and discover new knowledge. We at Forming Life Foundation in partnership with FormaVida are helping Bray and his family grow and overcome the adversities in their lives. They have found a new family and community, and their lives are being positively impacted through our programs. You can be apart of Bray's story.

## A HERO'S CALLING

**YOU CAN BE THE HERO!**

Take a stand with us to make an impact and donate...

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# Building the Classrooms



## *Thank You*

**We give thanks to God for each donor who made this possible for the children in this sector of the city of Bogota. You are showing your love, and thus, fulfill the great commission. Grace to God for people like you who believe in what God is doing and will continue to do. Thanks for the continued efforts given to this work. We know that the budget is high, but with the help and support of God, it will be possible for this dream to become a reality for the Glory of God.**

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