

Family Update

The last few months of 2017 were a whirlwind of activity. The girls finished up their semester well, and enjoyed some much needed downtime over the Christmas break. In December, Brian's grandmother passed away at the age of 93, and he was able to travel to Seattle, along with his parents and sister, for her funeral. Jennifer's brother and sister and their families came to Texas for Christmas and we enjoyed spending time catching up. We began the new year with a previously planned trip to Seattle, and were able to spend some time with Brian's grandfather. We are now back into the school routine as the girls have resumed their classes and Jennifer has started accompanying for music contests.



Rejoicing for 2017

Thank you for praying for our family as we served through the ministry enterprise of HOPE Coffee. We rejoice in what God did through you and many other believers as we saw 18 people trust in Jesus. In June 2017, HOPE Coffee partnered with local churches in Mexico to construct a home for a needy family. Martina, a single mother of two teen boys, did not have a home or faith in Jesus. Pastor Juan saw her need and engaged workers from two local churches to show the love of Jesus by building this family a house. In September, Martina and both of her sons placed their faith in Jesus Christ!

Anticipating 2018

We have some bold goals for this year and are eager to see how God ultimately directs our steps. Please pray with us and our HOPE Coffee team as we focus on these areas:

- **Launch HOPE Coffee Mexico** as a separate ministry enterprise to roast and sell coffee in the country of Mexico. God unexpectedly provided a small coffee roaster for the team in Puebla, Mexico. Several of the Mexican churches that have shared the gospel through the HOPE Coffee ministries have expressed interest in brewing HOPE Coffee in their churches. Please pray for Darrol Prusia and Abelardo Aguilar as they lead this effort.
- **Launch HOPE Coffee @ Sunnyvale** by December 2018. This third coffee shop will be part of a platform which (we hope) will allow HOPE Coffee to offer licensed shops and ultimately create a church plant model for many to use in the coming years to share the gospel domestically and internationally. You can follow the progress at <https://www.sunnyvaleparksquare.com/>. Please pray for our team as we focus on the build-out and as we hire and train staff who will run this ministry business.
- **Increase sales of HOPE Coffee** and consider new coffee regions. Our team will be focused on adding new churches and businesses to our growing list of about 400 partners that serve HOPE Coffee. We will also be considering adding coffee from additional regions. Currently, we are considering coffee from Uganda and Jamaica, and considering ministry opportunities in both of those countries as well as in Canada. However, we recognize that God will have to divinely direct our steps if these expansions are to take place. Please pray for discernment as we seek God's will in this area.

We appreciate your love and care for our family as we have sought God's direction for our ministry with HOPE Coffee. It has been a joy to see 70 people trust in Jesus through these last 7 years! Thank you for being a part of this ministry.





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