



# *A Moment with the Mayas*

**Nelson and Vikki Maya– Training Church Planters and Leaders to Plant and Develop Relationship-based Ministries  
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The dirt from the road rolled through the community as the truck transported us from the city stopped in front of a building without walls. The dust and the truck announced our arrival and called the women from their small, dilapidated shelters. Observing their faces we were certain that the focus of our time with them would speak to their hearts. Our theme was God's healing for emotional hurts.

Villa Katy is a community of over 600 displaced Colombian refugees: men, women, youth and children forced to leave their homes and communities because of violence and terrorism.



Behind the sad, dark eyes of each woman is a story of death, loss and pain. Vikki asked the women, "How many have heard the story of Sarah and Hagar from the Bible?" The three Christian ladies who work with these women raised their hand. No one else was familiar with the story. For the next two hours we discovered that behind the cover of the Bible is a story of life, hope and healing. Their responses to this story were varied.

One woman wept as she was comforted by a worker who held her and allowed her to soak her shirt with tears. The eyes of other women were red and tear-filled, crying for someone to come to her. A few women hid their emotions behind empty eyes and expressionless faces.

Later Nelson and I were talking with our friends Julie and Edgar about how exciting it was to share with these women, for the first time, the story of Sarah and Hagar.



It is sobering to realize that in a very religious country the message of life, hope and healing has yet to reach thousands living in different communities.

But even more sobering is to realize that Jesus, The Message of life, hope and healing is unfamiliar to many.

We never tire of thanking God for you! Because of your faithful partnership and prayers we can be a part of making The Message known. Because of you many are hearing and responding to this message of life, hope and healing as we train church planters, pastors and Bible teachers.



Our God is a creative God and desires to use all our gifts and experiences to advance His Kingdom. Recently, God has been doing this with Nelson.

Nelson spent over ten years in sales and training with a large pharmaceutical company in Colombia. He has a passion for training Christian salespeople, helping them see the value of their work outside the church walls, and equipping them to do everything with excellence and for His glory.

The end of November Nelson led a four-day training for the salespeople of the large Christian bookstore here in Colombia.



After Christmas he will complete training with a group of Christian workers who will supplement their ministry salary by selling Asian Sun Tea, a product from the USA.

A Christian salesperson with godly vision and values can make a great impact in the Kingdom. Praise God for His creative nature and for this strategic ministry.

Thank you for your prayers!

Please join us in praising and praying!

Praise God for:

1. Vikki is legally registered in Colombia, has a Colombian ID number and is awaiting her ID card!

Pray with us:

1. For Vikki as she teaches at a women's conference in Valencia, Córdoba, Colombia, January 11-14, 2010.
2. For Nelson as he helps coordinate an event in Valencia that will bring churches together in prayer, evangelism and outreach. Valencia is where Nelson was born and spent the first eight years of his life. Valencia is known as "la tierra de sangre" (land of blood) because of the terrorism in years past.

We wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas. We love you and love hearing from you!



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Reach Colombian Communities***