

Dear New Covenant brothers and sisters:

"And they'll know we are Christians by our love." For us, this chorus is especially significant these days. We have had the extreme privilege to glimpse what Jesus meant in John 13:34,35. The tiny sticker that a five-year-old so tenderly handed to Diane; the yarn in an offering envelope; the bittersweet tears of so many cherished friends; the coins; the extravagant amounts of money so generously donated; the computer: each one, a treasure, offered from hearts longing to give to God. How can we ever share with you the depth of our gratitude? We cannot.

I John 3:16,18 says, "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers ... Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." We are incredibly honored to go to Caracas, Venezuela, representing a church that lives out these verses. This body of believers is so rich in hearts willing to trust Jesus with their lives. We can only hope to find such faithful disciples wherever He sends us to serve.

Again, we must shine the light of faithful servanthood on one family: Kirk, Cindy, Craig and Lauren Conger. Above and beyond. They are undying in their gracious hospitality; we have been treated as welcome family members once again ... this time in their home for three weeks! They have invested their lives over and over, in so many unseen ways for New Covenant through the years, and they are gigantic heroes to us.

We have one on-going need: your prayers! God has been clearly preparing our path, and we acknowledge that we are only the hands and feet He is using to do His will. You truly are as much a part of this journey as we are. And we need to be able to be praying for you as well. Please write, e-mail, call, or come visit us, so we can stay connected. We have been deeply affected by your witness of Christ's love to us. You will be with us always in our hearts. Muchos gracias!

Jeff, Diane, Daniel, & Alyssa Brown  
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