

## Happy May!

This update is arriving later than I planned due to our sweet boy making his grand appearance earlier than expected. Alejandro and I are excited to announce the birth of Zion Hosea Reyes, born Sunday, April 18 (8 pounds / 20 inches). I am finishing up some last-minute ministry things, but I am officially on a maternity leave for a few months to focus on being Zion's mom.

Everything ministry-related runs out of the mission property (Alejandro and I's house), so I won't be too far away from all of the action.

As Zion and I are learning each other, things will look a little different in the ministries. If you have any questions about your child or the ministries here, you can continue directing those questions to [Kim Bane at SCORE](mailto:childsponsor@scoreintl.org) (childsponsor@scoreintl.org / 423-894-7111). She will have communication with our local team, which includes four very important people that are keeping the ministries going while I'm out.



I often mention our ministry associate [Juani](#). She served with New Vision teams and projects as a kid, and she has been officially working with the ministry since February 2019. She does the majority of the Bible teachings and helps with every aspect of the ministry. I am thankful for the expertise, wisdom, and fun that she adds to our team. During my maternity leave, she is the main ministry leader and contact for La Represa families and SCORE.

[Yaselis](#) regularly helps us behind the scenes. She was also involved in New Vision ministries as a child. Over the last few years she has become one of our primary mission team translators, and she helps Juani and I with sponsor gifts and almost every ministry event. She translates all sponsor communications and will continue to do so during these few months.





The next member of our team is **Sebastian**. “Seba” has been around since he was a youth, and he also serves as a translator for mission teams. While he often helps with ministry events, he has recently taken on new responsibilities with the technological aspects of the ministries. When the Bible program went virtual, he started putting together the Bible videos each week. During my maternity leave, he will also be assisting Juani with information forms, updates, and all tech things.

The final member of our ministry team is **Daniel**, who regularly volunteers with the baseball ministry. Alejandro will continue to lead baseball practices and devotionals, but he has the help of Daniel as he gets used to his role as a daddy. Daniel will continue helping intentionally over the next few weeks as needed while we adjust to life with Zion.



As the virtual school year ends, our summer schedule of a weekly children’s worship service and a baseball tournament would typically kick off in a few weeks. As we are unable to resume those plans due to continued restrictions, Juani’s main focus is visiting families and updating children’s information in our database. (This has been an ongoing project for over a year, and I am hopeful that these few months of focusing on home visits will help advance the process.) Seba will be helping with this task as well as sending pictures and updates we have for some of you. Finally, Juani will continue to prepare and deliver sponsor gifts, which you can continue donating money for on the SCORE website. We purchased a variety of extra gifts over the last few months to make sure Juani can get gifts together as quickly as possible. These projects will carry the ministries through the summer until we kick-off the new school year.

I am so grateful for this team and the way they are working hard to make sure everything is taken care of while I’m out! I am so impressed with how they have picked up all of the projects where we left off and are working hard to make sure the ministries continue. I am also so thankful to you all for the support you have shown Alejandro and I as we start this journey as parents and for your patience as the ministries look a little different over the next few months.

**THANK YOU!**