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To Those Considering Missionary Aaron Vance,

Six years ago I wrote a recommendation letter for Aaron Vance, missionary to Colombia, South America. I wrote about his dedication to the training he received under my mentorship and how he was well prepared for the field. He had preached over 100 times, won and disciplined converts, and served on my staff. Bro. Vance was fluent in the Spanish language and started our Spanish Church and then developed a leader to become the pastor before he left for the mission field. In the letter, I highly recommended the Vance family and predicted their success on the field.

Now, I'm writing about a family that has been on the field for a full four year term. As I suggested, they have been greatly used of God. I have been to the field twice to see the work during this term. It is truly amazing what God has done. Bro. Aaron immediately started a church and within a few months it had outgrown the building they were meeting in. With a new and larger space they continued to grow, having 100-150 people in attendance each Sunday morning. Bro. Vance started a Bible Institute which quickly grew to over two dozen students training for ministry each week. The thrill of my second trip to Bucaramanga was to spend time with these students. Their desire to learn and be used of God made my heart rejoice. He took some of these students and went to another location and started a second church.

As I write this letter, the Vances are about to take a furlough and come to the States to visit supporting churches. They return having established two strong churches which are growing and winning souls. He has men training for the ministry on a weekly basis. He has strong pastoral leadership in both churches. In other words, by the grace of God, they have gotten the job done.

It is difficult for a preacher to speak openly about what he has accomplished for fear of seeming proud or arrogant. That is why I want to speak on his behalf. I also want to again highly recommend them for support. Heaven will prove an investment in Aaron Vance to be a wise decision. God will no doubt add fruit to your account for helping this man of God get more done.

Colombia is a country hungry for the truth. Furthermore, unlike many other places around the world where there is great difficulty to get into the country and openly minister, in Colombia there exists great freedom to preach and build churches. With the financial and prayer support of more churches, I know Bro. Vance will be able to do much more for the kingdom of our God. Colombia is a key country in South America. Establishing strong churches and a Bible college will be crucial to reaching the Spanish speaking people of that region.

I hope you will seriously consider partnering with the Vances for this purpose.

Sincerely,



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