

Travis & Beth Burkhalter

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Today in our prayer time, let's pray for two of our missionaries serving in the nation of Colombia, South America. Travis and Beth Burkhalter live in the big city of Medellin. Our church supports them through the Cooperative Program. The two work with the Embera people, an ethnic group with their own language and culture.

After 10 years in Colombia, Travis and Beth speak Spanish well. But the Embera people speak Spanish poorly because they prefer their own language. When Travis saw they could not understand his Bible teaching in Spanish, he decided he must learn their language.

The Embera language is unwritten, so there are no books to help learn it. Travis found a man who speaks the language to help him. The two usually have language class in Travis' car, because the Embera people live in a poor part of the city where crime, drugs and gangs are common.

Travis records words and sentences and writes down the sounds as best he can. It is hard work. But Travis said it's necessary for these people to know Christ. Let's pray for Travis, that one day his language study will result in many coming to Christ.

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