Quick Bio

Jonathan and Anna Saliba are BBFI missionaries to Colombia. They arrived in Colombia in 2011, working with Craig and Fran Lingo's established church and learning Spanish. In 2014, they started a new church with their mentors, Scott and Kristi Hudgins. Today that church is doing well, and Jonathan and Anna are looking forward to starting a new church in the near future. They are currently focused on raising funds for a church building. Visit buildingfund.co to learn a lot more about their building fund and to support this amazing project.

Jonathan's Story

Jonathan was saved at church camp at the age of 13, when his best friend pointed out his need of a Savior.

The summer after his senior year of high school, Jonathan’s youth pastor asked if he had thought about ministry as a career.  He was already enrolled in the Aerospace Engineering program at the Missouri University of Science and Technology.  Yet, he went on his second missions trip to Mexico with new uncertainty about God’s plan for his life.

In that small Mexican village, Jonathan began to feel God’s call to full-time ministry.  He talked to his pastor and decided there was no other option but to follow God’s call.

Over the years, God has refined that calling, so that the Saliba family is now fully focused on planting churches to reach the 50 million people of Colombia.

They have participated in the planting of one church in the north of Bogotá and believe Colombia is ripe for a massive church-planting movement.  Their dream is to put a church in every neighborhood of Colombia within their lifetime.

Anna's Story

Anna was saved at an early age:  the fruit of her parents’ Christ-like example.  In high school, Anna really began to serve God with her talents:  teaching Sunday-School classes, playing music and singing in her youth group, and starting a Bible club at her public school.

As Anna worked toward a Biology and Secondary Education degree from Liberty University, she was exposed to overseas teaching.  Eventually, she would devote more than a year to teaching in a Christian-founded, Thai school.  She learned to depend on God, adapt to a different culture, and follow God’s calling.

At the end of that year, she returned to her hometown for a short time, rekindled her friendship with Jonathan, and caught his passion about Colombia.