

HELLO from Colombia!



Hi, we're
Margo and
Paolo.

Join us as
we explore
Colombia!



Colombia is in northern South America. This Spanish-speaking country has about 49 million people, with about 200 thousand members of the Church.



Colombia has a tropical climate, with lots of different plants and animals. In fact, it has more kinds of birds than any other country! Many of them can't be found anywhere else in the world, like this multicolored tanager.



This girl is eating an *arepa*, a tasty cornmeal cake. People in Colombia often eat it with cheese and meat.

This month marks one year since the Barranquilla Colombia Temple was dedicated.



Here's a photo of the new temple in Barranquilla. Colombia also has another temple, in the capital city of Bogotá.

Meet some friends from Colombia!



I feel blessed and happy to have the gospel in my life. I know that Jesus Christ lives and loves us and that the Prophet Joseph Smith restored this Church. I appreciate that we have a prophet who guides us.

Camila R., age 10, Valle del Cauca, Colombia



I know with all my heart that my Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ live and love us. They gave Joseph Smith revelation to translate the Book of Mormon to make it available to everyone.

Luis V., age 12, Valle del Cauca, Colombia



Thanks for visiting Colombia with us. See you next year!



In Colombia, December 7 is *el Día de las Velitas* (the Day of the Little Candles). People light the streets with thousands of candles to begin the Christmas season.

Are you from Colombia? Write to us! We would love to hear from you.

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