

# ***THE WARNOCKS' ESCAPADES***

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Dear Family and Friends,

Most of you know that on 14 December our son-in-law, Major Samuel Griffith, age 36, was killed in action serving in the US Marine Corps as Officer in Charge of his reserve unit within the NATO force in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. **We have been lifted** up by hundreds of people sharing kind words, thoughts, prayers, and actions. This is the link to the **video tribute** his wife (our daughter) created for the memorial service: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TjHWNR1zrrQ>

**We have been blessed** that our mission service is essentially "virtual" and that The General Board of Global Ministries-UMC allowed us to move to Virginia Beach this fall to be near Sam, Casey, and the grandboys to help while Sam was away with the Marine Corps as well as the traveling he did with his job. God has us exactly where we are needed and we are still able to carry out our ministry and mission. We are humbly grateful and blessed.

**We grieve** with the thousands of families in our world who this year have lost loved ones due to war, violence, accidents, nature's fury, disease, and in poverty. God is with us and we feel lifted up. We must carry on serving God and caring for each other in our family, our community, and in our world. *Love, Ted & Carla*

**From Ted and UMCOR Health:** Since we last wrote, I have been to the lovely port city of Cartagena, Columbia to the clinic that was constructed and opened in honor of Rev. Rabb, a Texan, who was the GBGM Assistant General Secretary of Mission Volunteers when he died as a result of injuries suffered in the Haiti earthquake. The clinic is four hours southeast of the city and provides medical care in an underserved rural community. The facility and staff are providing exceptional services. UMCOR is providing financial support for salaries,

equipment, and medical supplies as part of a three-year commitment to this clinic and its community.

This trip took place at the end of October with the purpose of facilitating training for the newly formed health board. The health board is under the oversight of Rev. Juan Alberto Cardona Gómez, Bishop, Iglesia Colombiana (Methodist Church). As part of this training, the Bishop and key leadership



participated in a three day program focusing on leadership, strategic planning, applying for grants, and sustainability. In addition to the formalized training, a secondary meeting was held with the local volunteer community health board that works to provide support to the Clinton Rabb Clinic. During this community meeting, attention was given to the organizational structure of the church, legal obligations of the Columbian government and the clinic to work in partnership, and the importance of understanding, representing, and communicating the healthcare needs of the community.



In addition to seeing this beautiful old city, I enjoyed great "Columbian" coffee!

You will note that we have a new website address <http://warnocksescapades.com>

Our new home is now in Virginia Beach, VA

*We wish you a blessed Christmas and Memorable 2012! Ted & Carla*