

ACTS IN ACTION

TheAFamilyNet Update from
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We are family... parents,
children, and Trinity...



February is the month of LOVE! As a family we are grateful for a special opportunity to celebrate how much God loves us. We are grateful to be called to be at His service.

We have lived through missionary service as singles, served as volunteers as a couple, and when we left for Chile in 2000, we began our long-term missionary service with two children born in PA and FL (ages 4 and 1). They are now 15 and 12 plus our third who is already 7... Yes, there is growth in the mission field!



Alberto is a very inquisitive and clever young man. He loves reading, soccer, and board games. Being in Spain has enabled him to enjoy the best soccer in the world with FC Barcelona and the Spanish team as his favorites. Through homeschooling, his academic needs are being met while also supporting his character building with a solid Christian education. We are blessed to see him mature into a young man of faith, keen spirit, and commitment.



Carolina is a tender and caring young gal. She enjoys arts and crafts, board games, and literature/creative writing. For fun, she loves Cirque du Soleil, a connection she makes with her pantomime ministry. Her love for God's creation, animals, and nature makes her very caring for the environment. She also loves caring for babies everywhere we go. We are blessed to see her develop into a young woman with possibilities that are blossoming.



Daniela is a free spirited and playful young girl. English and Bible Reading are her favorite subjects in homeschooling. A door opener everywhere we go, she has many girlfriends in many places. Quite aware and proud of her Chilean origins, she is always cheering for Alexis Sánchez when he scores or assists in Barça. Caring and loving with her parents and siblings, she knows her place in the family. We are blessed to see her grow into an energetic young lady.

Family is a ministry in itself and God has entrusted us with these three treasures. Anything we are able to do is thanks to the loving care and guidance He provides us. As we seek to reflect God's image to them, we are mindful of the responsibility that comes with the blessing of parenthood. We rejoice to see them following Jesus' footsteps. It takes two to tango; well, it takes 5 to raise children: a father, a mother, and the Trinity!

Not every family these days has this set up, and our prayer is that the Trinity would still be a solid foundation for those whose circumstances are different. We can embrace Ecclesiastes 4:12 in any combination as long as we count on Him to be in our midst. We are especially mindful of families where abuse and human trafficking is thwarting God's plans for His creatures. May we as a church intercede for these and even get in the gap on their behalf so that God may free them and be providing all they need.

We pray with love for you and your families!

Pressing on toward the goal, as individuals and as a family,
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You are invited to join The AFamily Team & Network of individuals and churches who support the ministry of the Bonilla-Giovanetti family through prayer, encouragement, or financial support. To learn more or join their Missionary Partnership Network (MPN), contact Mark Sorrels, ABC-IN/KY Advocate, at marksorrels@gmail.com.

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