

# ACTS IN ACTION

An Update from your  
BGs Et Al

ABFMS Missionaries & MKs  
Colombia

August 2018

**Light! Salt! Action!**



**August:** Lots of water has gone under the bridge these 18 years since we were commissioned. Were you there at the Green Lake Conference Center? We were endorsed by our Iglesias Bautistas de Puerto Rico. IBPR is the region of the American Baptist Churches USA that sent us to serve through the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS)—a.k.a. International Ministries. Light, salt, and more action! Yesterday, today, and tomorrow: Acts in Action—BGs Et Al...



18 years since that August 4th, 2000 and 30 years since we met on that July 27th, 1988, in Bogotá, we are ready to move to Colombia. We have the green **light** to go be **salt** and join the **action** in this our fourth assignment with ABFMS. We wish we had moved to Cartagena last month, to be ready and

start off with the quinquennial of the Baptist Women's Union of Latin America on August 1-4, but due to circumstances beyond our control, we still have a few loose ends to tie up before moving. We trust to be in Cartagena by the second half of September, God willing.

We have reached almost 90% of support pledged for which we are very glad and grateful for the love and care of our churches and siblings in our network. As God has provided, we know He will provide the remaining 10% through siblings like you. That is how we can be light and salt in Colombia. Meanwhile, thanks to the **World Mission Offering (WMO)**, we can prepare by faith to be enroute to Colombia trusting that siblings and churches will commit to provide the remaining 10%. The sooner we reach 100% support pledged, the sooner those WMO resources are freed for other areas of need.

This year's WMO theme is based on Matthew 5.13: "*You are the salt of the earth.*" To support our obedience to God's call is one of the ways you fulfill your own call to God's mission to be the salt of the earth; putting your own grains of salt to the earth... In Colombia, the UNIBAUTISTA, the indigenous groups we'll accompany in discipleship, and the wonderful local team for the Global Baptist Peace Conference are awaiting us. We keep praying to the Lord that He provides the needed resources for our ministry in Colombia to be salt wherever we go.

There are necessary physical separations around the corner... **Alberto** goes to Kentucky to begin grad school at Asbury Theological Seminary. **Carolina** stays in Pennsylvania to begin her bachelor's degree at Eastern University. **Daniela** will continue her homeschooling (9th grader) in Colombia with **Carlos, Mayra, and Grandma Hilda (Mayra's mom)**. All 6 of us, wherever we are, appreciate your love, enthusiasm, and ongoing support. Each prayer, each note, and each gift counts and is appreciated.

'Nuff said. Light! Salt!! Action!!! Acts in Action—BGs Et Al enroute to Colombia, with you and hand in hand with our Messiah for whatever pleases Him. Start saving to join us on site when we are settled. It is His mission, your mission, our mission: you are the salt of the earth...

Stretching further toward the goal to be "*the salt of the earth*", your BGs Et Al ([www.facebook.com/BGsEtAl](http://www.facebook.com/BGsEtAl))

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