

ACTS IN ACTION

An Update from your BGs Et Al

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The Foundation...



January: How better to start this year 2019 than with a good foundation?!? Yes, 1 Corinthians 3.11 (NABS) says, “For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.” Let us lay together a good foundation for this new year in our new ministry in Colombia.



During the World Mission Conference in 2014, at the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the mission society, our former area director introduced us to Pablo Moreno, Rector of UNIBAUTISTA (The Baptist University Foundation and Baptist Theological Seminary in Cali). Our desire to serve in Colombia was finally finding a venue for service.

We met again in Nicaragua in 2016 during the Theological Consultation and learned of their interest in our Bible materials for discipleship in Colombia. So, while on our US/PR assignment, the Foundation issued a formal invitation via video chat with our area director to serve with them in Colombia.



In October 2018, within weeks of our arrival in Colombia, we had our first set of meetings in UNIBAUTISTA. We were happy to meet again with their Rector Pablo Moreno and Vice rector Leonel Rubiano. They are fully committed to providing a very sound, biblical and theological education to all who reach



out to the Foundation; which was established in 1953 by Baptist missionaries. It has since seen many graduating classes of those who are being prepared to serve in Colombia and overseas. They offer their theology program in their Cali campus, online, and in their extension centers. They also offer a variety of diplomas to address the many needs in the churches and communities. That is why the Foundation invited us to join their services in Colombia, particularly to support with Biblical education and discipleship to ethnic groups in the country. One of these groups is the Wayuu in The Guajira Northern Region. While in Colombia, we will be able to share with the Wayuu and other ethnic groups the Bible study materials that we have been developing and using since our assignment in Nicaragua. This Part 2 about Jesus, of our resource “Of the Way”, is progressing and we trust that it will be a blessing to those in Nicaragua that already had access to Part 1 about The Bible, as well as those who will now have access to it in Colombia and anywhere in Iberoamerica and The Caribbean where it is studied.

While in Cali last October, we were blessed to meet Ruth Amaya, our Wayuu sister from The Guajira. She is a soft-spoken young lady yet energetic and very determined to “share with my people what I am learning here in the Seminary”. Ruth goes home for her Winter and Summer breaks and we are praying to be able to join her this Summer to meet the communities (they call them “Rancherías”) and their leaders and to learn how we can best serve them in their own context as part of the family of disciples. Pray with us for this opportunity to get to The Guajira with our Wayuu sister. We are truly looking forward to this opportunity!



Meanwhile, we continue preparing the Bible study materials, working toward the Global Baptist Peace Conference (GBPC), and getting our bearings in our new country. Next month we will share in our February Acts in Action about SEPAZ Foundation and the launching of the GBPC in Cali (February 27th) in anticipation of the full conference, July 15-20, 2019.

Stretching further toward the goal “with a good foundation”, your BGs Et Al (www.facebook.com/BGsEtAl)

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