

ACTS AND LOVE IN ACTION

An Update from your BGs Et Al

ABFMS - International Ministries
Regional Consultants for Discipleship
in Iberoamerica and the Caribbean

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Ebenezer, 23rd...



On July 1st we celebrate our 23rd anniversary of service with ABFMS / International Ministries and the beginning of our new term of service! **Ebenezer...** We will continue our Hebrew alphabet discipleship lessons next month, but let us look at our recently completed US/PR assignment in review...

For those of you who enjoy stats, here are some of what we accrued...

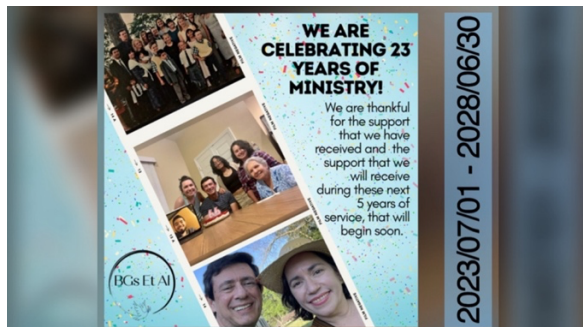
- ♦ **35,406** miles by air in **28** planes and by land,
- ♦ **40** beds throughout our visits, and
- ♦ **100** days away from home out of 365 days in a year...

Between **June 28, 2022**; July, September, October, November, February, March, April, May, and **June 30, 2023**, your BGs visited the network in

♦ **Georgia, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Puerto Rico, West Virginia, North Carolina, California, Alabama, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Michigan** in 20 different trips throughout the year... Yes, we visited Indiana and Puerto Rico more than once. Indiana has more than one region within the state. And, Puerto Rico is our sending region and an extra unexpected visit happened for Mayra's dad's homegoing service.

Though we could not coordinate visits in

♦ Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, or Ohio
we made and sent videos to regional gatherings and made phone calls to network siblings. We were also able to visit with the executive ministers of those regions at this recent **2023 ABCUSA Biennial Mission Summit in Puerto Rico**.



So, as we've just completed this US/PR assignment, it is time to plan for our term of service ahead. What a joy to attend the biennial. It was awesome to catch up with so many siblings we had visited and especially with those we had not been able to visit this past year. Many prayer cards were sent home with many of you, and we trust the Lord will nudge those who will begin or increase your partnership with our ministry during these next 5 years of service. A reminder from June's journal, that on each 11, 12, 16, 24, 29, and 30 of any month, you can stand in the gap and love on us through your financial commitment as we go and make disciples in Iberoamerica and the Caribbean.

We are already preparing to make our first international in-person visits on the first year of our new term of service, to our partners in Chile, Spain, Nicaragua, and Colombia; the countries where we have already served. These will be opportunities to reacquaint ourselves in person with those we have stayed in touch with virtually throughout the years and even throughout the pandemic. These will be visits to assess the needs in each country, talk about discipleship, and see how the Lord will have us journey together hereafter. The second year of the term we will return to serve with each of them as the Lord leads, and bring short-term mission teams who would like to accompany us.



Iberoamerica and the Caribbean is a very large region within our mission society. There are other countries that we anticipate will invite us to serve through our discipleship encounters with them. Having a strong and committed network is vital to have the ministry funds and resources brought to us by GOD through YOU to make this possible. We are grateful to everyone who is generously giving. We are yet to be fully funded. Will you be the ones

God is nudging to stand in the gap to accomplish that by committing your support to our ministry for these next 5 years of service? If our support level does not reach 100% or if it drops too low, we will need to interrupt our ministry and resume raising support in the USA and Puerto Rico before we can continue. We trust you will accompany us so we can focus on His mission. If you don't send and support us, and we don't go, who will go and make disciples?

Responding together for good, "**Ebenezer on this 23rd**",
your BGs Et Al (www.facebook.com/BGsEtAl)



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