

# ACTS AND LOVE IN ACTION

## An Update from your BGs Et Al

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Tet - Nun...



In October, the discipleship lesson based on the Hebrew alphabet is with the letters *tet* and *nun*. *Tet* with *tavas* meaning peacock and *nun* with *narot* meaning candle... We met our migrant friends from Venezuela in Colombia, and they share about *tet-tavas*-peacock... Read more to learn why...



"The Petit-Frías family are grateful to God because through the Bonilla-Giovanetti family we met Jesus and acknowledged Him as our Lord and Savior. What this family does is dazzling, like when the peacock spreads its wings, taking the message of truth. So too is for our country Venezuela, lit up like a candle spreading its fragrance through people that leave hoping for a better life for their families. Thanks, God, for the

joy of meeting this beautiful family."

Though we couldn't stay all four years in Colombia, in the year we were there, the Lord allowed us to meet this family and see the work of His Spirit in them. Today they are baptized, in fellowship, are being discipled, and serve the Lord. They are raising their children in the fear of the Lord. Amid their multiple challenges as migrants, they live filled with hope because they know Jesus is with them each day and in every situation.

That is why it's so important to go and serve where the Lord takes us, for as long as He allows us. Interactions can happen anywhere, even under a bridge... When we dare to go out of the four walls of a sanctuary, and put ourselves in His hands, He gives us words and puts love in our hearts to see our neighbor as He sees us and them. Even for one person that comes to His feet, it is worth it. Hence the family of faith continues to grow, and we continue fulfilling His will on earth as it is in heaven...

That is what we've been doing for almost 210 years within our mission society focused on evangelism, discipleship, and ministries of compassion and justice which we've been called to by our Master.



This second month of World Mission Offering promotion within our American Baptist family in the USA and Puerto Rico ([worldmissionoffering.org](http://worldmissionoffering.org)), we share of these missionary units preparing to serve through other mission agencies. We met Kaylee in Puerto Rico during the biennial. The Rai and the Ballinger are seminary colleagues of our first-born son. We rejoice that youth and families continue responding to the call to go where the Lord sends. We encourage you to pray for them, find them, and support them as you're led. Many from our mission society, these, and many others elsewhere serve the same God; it is all His mission, and it is with His resources. If we look at missions in a more holistic way and tear down the barriers that separate us, as if we were kingdoms in competition, we would advance more in fulfilling the task we have been given.

This month of October we thank the Lord for the beginning of a new fiscal year, for 14 years since our ordination, for our time in Colombia and meeting families like the Petit-Frías, for those that are preparing to serve through our mission society and others. And though these last four years were very difficult while not living internationally, we thank the Lord that He continues to count on us to serve Him. November, December, and January are months when we will reconnect in person with our partners in countries where we've served. We continue making disciples in Iberoamerica and the Caribbean and count on the prayers, encouragement, and offerings of His people. Thanks to your generosity we continue spreading light like the candle and spreading our wings like peacock, so others know the Way, the Truth, and the Life. *"This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine..."*

Responding together for good, *"from tet to nun,"*  
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