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Yud - Mem...



In November, the discipleship lesson based on the Hebrew alphabet is with the letters *yud* and *mem*. *Yud* with *yareach* meaning moon and *mem* with *mayim* meaning water... As we prepare for our first post pandemic international missionary trip this month (to Spain), let us see where the moon and the water take us... Read more...



Do you remember the earthquakes that destroyed most of Lorca in May 2011 (left)? The Good Way Women's Shelter suffered great loss and their residents had to evacuate the place. Thanks to the generosity of the ABWM of Indiana and Puerto Rico, as well as many others in the USA and our island, a new house was built for them and in 2015 (below)

Cori, Robin, and Mayra were able to witness its dedication and share with the ministry's residents to hear how God had provided them the living "*mayim*" they so desperately needed.



This visit this month is the first time since 2012 (for Carlos) and 2015 (for Mayra) that we will be returning to Spain to be with our partners, the UEBE / FTUEBE (Unión Evangélica Bautista de España and its Theological Faculty). It was through their partnership and the support from Abi, Carmen, Ester, Juanita, and María, that we learned of the need of the new house while still there and were blessed to see this new house built to serve marginalized

women at risk of social exclusion. Though we will not be able to visit the house itself, we will be able to talk during their annual gathering #71 with those who are serving in that ministry and hear first-hand how God has continued to move in their lives these past years.

With this trip we begin our round of visits with partners we served with in the past and pray to continue serving in the present and future in our role as regional consultants for discipleship in Iberoamerica and the Caribbean through our discipleship encounters "Disciples of the Way". We are excited and blessed to see how God has continued to shine His light upon us and though, like the "*yareach*", we not always reflect that light, He (like the sun) is always shining. As His disciples we have so much to learn in our pursuit of following Him each step of the way. We must admit that at times we are lagging behind while at other times we get way ahead instead of walking in step with His Spirit.

Please pray with us as we travel. And for our children and beloved caring for Mayra's mom in our absence. May we be able to enjoy the visit, reconnecting in person with our partners, meeting new siblings, and learning how we can accompany the UEBE and FTUEBE in their discipleship efforts throughout Spain. Surely there are many things we are yet to learn of their long heritage as disciples of the Way since 1922.

Please continue to pray that we will always have adequate resources for each ministry opportunity in our region. In December we are going to Colombia, in January to Chile, and in August to Nicaragua. God has allowed us to stay in touch with our partners even when not physically present in their countries. Also pray for other countries in our region asking that God will nudge them to invite us to share these new discipleship materials. Pray also asking what role He may want you to have in our making disciples in our region and beyond that love God, themselves, and others.

Join us in reflecting His light like the *yareach* and sharing His living *mayim*...

Responding together for good, "*from yud to mem*,"
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