

ACTS AND LOVE IN ACTION

An Update from your BGs Et Al

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A Gospel-Worthy Mission...



And as if we didn't hit the road running in 2024, right after Chile came California! Transformation Ministries, hereafter the **Aspire Network**, had their Conference in Pomona's Purpose Church on February 1-2. Today, two months since our dear colleague, the Rev. Madeline Flores-López, went to be with the Lord, we'd like to share of a Gospel-worthy mission through this global servant that left us too soon and whose memory we seek to continue honoring through each of our ministries. Read more...



If you have never read about Madeline, here is a journal from September of 2023. Madeline's calling and her ministry were highlighted during the National Hispanic Heritage Month: (<https://internationalministries.org/national-hispanic-heritage-month-madeline-flores-lopez/>).

Our fellow servant, the Rev. Sandra Dorsainvil, wrote her reflections on one of the many short-term mission experiences Madeline led while in the Dominican Republic. This journal from September of 2019, showcases the impact Madeline and her ministry had on so many. A Blessing to Serve: (<https://internationalministries.org/a-blessing-to-serve/>)

You may be asking, but how could this be about Madeline if her name isn't even mentioned in Sandra's journal? Precisely, that is how Madeline operated: making connections, building trust, practicing a Gospel-worthy mission that facilitated safe spaces for others to serve and to experience what she had surrendered to and committed to in 2000 when she was at that World Mission Conference where some of us were commissioned.

Only time will tell how many were deeply impacted by her life and testimony. Madeline's family and everyone who knew and loved her in Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Cuba, and elsewhere continue to need love, support, and prayers as her unexpected death still shakes us to the core.

During her funeral, in lieu of flowers, the invitation was extended to support ministries that Madeline started through International Ministries, such as:

STEP - Dominican Republic Education

(<https://internationalministries.org/step-dominican-republic/>),

White Cross - Dominican Republic, Food, School Supplies and More for Haitians (<https://internationalministries.org/white-cross-dominican-republic-food-school-supplies-and-more-for-haitians/>), and the

White Cross - Dominican Republic Health Kits

(<https://internationalministries.org/white-cross-dominican-republic-kits/>).

The above are Gospel-worthy missions that you can support in honor of Madeline's memory. Her legacy will continue through these ministries and those she impacted in so many places.



As we reflect on the Aspire Network Conference, we and our colleagues were blessed by those two chuck-full days of interconnecting with each other and with so many in the network churches who are committed to a Gospel-worthy mission. We pray that all who attended will continue to deepen their understanding of ways in which we are all called to live and serve as we aspire to be worthy of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Only then can churches grow, multiply, and make disciples that follow the ultimate standard, Jesus Himself.

Thanks so much for your love, prayers, and ongoing support as we have traveled to Spain, Colombia, Chile, and California. Next month we will recap and reflect on those trips while already preparing for the one to Nicaragua in August. We are grateful for God's care of Mami in our absence. We are also grateful for adequate resources for our living allowance while praying for more vital partners to provide us the still needed resources to continue this Gospel-worthy mission to make more disciples in Iberoamerica and the Caribbean!

Responding together for good, "through a Gospel-worthy mission," your BGs Et Al (www.facebook.com/BGsEtAl)



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