

ACTS AND LOVE IN ACTION

An Update from your BGs Et Al

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Part 2 – Puerto Rico, Chile, and California...



Last month, in part 1, we shared about our trips to Spain and Colombia. Now we complete what was part of 45 days of missionary trips in total, where we traveled 39,357 miles by air and land, flew in 28 planes, and slept in 20 different beds. Only Nicaragua in August is pending to complete this first round... Ready to read more?



On December 18, 2023, the missionary world unexpectedly lost a great colleague, the Rev. Madeline Flores-López. In **Puerto Rico** there were two memorial services (December 30, 2023, and January 2, 2024) where we cried and laughed together as we remembered anecdotes with our dear fellow servant.

During the second half of January we went to **Chile**, where we enjoyed the company of many we love in Santiago / San Bernardo, Chillán, and Cerro Verde / Penco. The Convention was in Penco and for four days we were able to *return* to the life of CBN-Chile, their plans and discipleship projects and to *reconnect* with many we served before.



Like in Spain and in Colombia, in Chile we learned of their own challenges and ministry opportunities. It was encouraging to see that many who had been in our classrooms at the beginning of our ministry, are now leading the pastoral board and to recognize that the bonds of love are still strong. We thank God for your support so we can continue returning in person and follow up online through our discipleship encounters during this assignment of 2023-2028.

In February the trip was to **California**. We were able to *return* to the Aspire Network conference where we were able to *reconnect* with our colleagues and others who attended last year, including a teen who is exploring a call to missions. We also visited Christ-First in West Covina where we were able to *reconnect* sharing Holy Communion in their English and Spanish services. It is always a joy to be with those we love and who love us with whom we serve the Lord in so many places. The hospitality we received is appreciated and a witness to God's love that binds us together.



When we look at Puerto Rico, Chile, and California we witness God's presence everywhere and always. The Lord shall provide for the needs and service opportunities as they are evident and will give us wisdom to steward them. It is vital that we reach 100% in our monthly support pledged to have adequate resources for each trip and encounter. We pray with thanksgiving to God for each person and church that has joined, is joining, and yet to join in obedience to the Lord in walking alongside us through prayer, encouragement, and ongoing support. If the Lord is calling you to invest in our ministry to make disciples in Iberoamerica and the Caribbean, let us know and we'll point you in the right direction.

This month all roads lead to Hoosierland for a mission centered multi-regional retreat. May the Lord allow that as you read of each of these international and national missionary journeys, we will continue being of inspiration to you. Let us keep the fire of the Lord burning in our hearts as we learn, live out, and teach the Word of God as the Disciples of the Way...

Responding together for good, "*returning and reconnecting*",
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