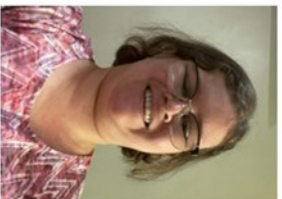


How the ABC-IN/KY Region and Camp Tippy Have Impacted a Family

"I started going to Camp Tippy in middle school. I went to Music, Art and Drama (MAD) Camp. I felt so accepted and loved. It was the highlight of my summer for many years! Then as I got older I went to Sr. High Camp for a couple of years. But most of my years at camp were spent on staff--like a lot of years, over 10, I think.



My husband has gone to Camp Tippy and served even longer! He has been a lifeguard, a worship leader, and has helped do whatever else is needed.

My family and I love Camp Tippy so much that every time we are in the states we visit/volunteer as much as we can. We first felt called to work with kids while at camp and later went into missions. We met at Camp Tippy. Our son in his younger years spent his summers there.

I could go on and on. We love Camp Tippy and we always will! We hope to serve there again when we get back to the states someday."

Brittany Barr

Missionary
Faith International Academy (FIA)
—Wycliffe Bible Translators



ABC-IN/KY Region Connections: Professional, Personal, and Generational

"I am proud to say I am part of American Baptist Churches of Indiana and Kentucky. I have spent my entire ministry career as part of ABC-IN/KY, but my connection to the Region is more than simply professional. My family has connected with the Region on a personal level.



Our connection to ABC-IN/KY is generational. There is no greater example of this connection than in our Region's camp ministry. Four generations of Johanningsmeiers have invested time and energy into our camps through repairing and constructing buildings, as well as serving as cabin leaders. We choose to continue supporting the camps because at one time we were campers who experienced life change through this ministry. Now as a parent, I see the life changing experience of camp in my children.

What also really impress me are the ways ABC-IN/KY invests in local congregations. I have been fortunate to participate in our Church Leadership Institute (CLI). This is not a program geared for pastors only! CLI provides a deeper education for *all* levels of ministry. Anyone from Sunday school volunteers to deacons can grow in their ministry through these efficient and effective classes. The local churches have greatly benefited through CLI's investment in church leaders.

I recently graduated from Northern Seminary as part of the ABC-IN/KY Teaching Church Initiative (TCI). This was an incredible experience as our Region partnered with my church and the seminary to invest in me as a pastor and person! Many of my fellow Northern students were impressed with the Region's willingness to connect with pastors on this level. I am proud to have been a part of the initial group of TCI students, and I'm very happy to see *new* students from our Region participate in this program!

The reason I choose to remain connected with ABC-IN/KY is because our Region supports and invests in our local churches, pastors and people. I know whenever I or my church needs anything, we can reach out to ABC-IN/KY for help and support. You can participate in supporting quality ministry in IN/KY when you give to the Region Offering."

Scott Johanningsmeier, Pastor, Elizabeth Baptist Church (Nabb, IN)



A Wonderful Journey with the ABC-IN/KY Region

"For a long time, having a Spanish-speaking church in southern Indiana was a dream in the minds and hearts of different people. In April 2017, my family and I came to the land of Hoosiers after being contacted by ABC-IN/KY to plant a Hispanic ministry here. After the initial contact, we started to pray seeking God's will. Then I felt the greatest conviction in my life about this calling!



We engaged in this wonderful journey to do God's will, *not* ours. I always remember the passage from Scripture, "*Go from your country, your people and your father's household...*" (Genesis 12:1). I call it "a journey" because, at that moment, I did not know where my family and I were moving. We came to live in a completely English-speaking Christian community that has embraced us as brothers and sisters. Back then (2017), I met many ABC people who I now consider not only brothers and sisters in Christ but *friends*. It has been a blessing and game-changing experience!

During the first visit with ABC-IN/KY, and even a year after our arrival, I went to Flat Rock Association churches to share the vision and mission of this Hispanic ministry. The Region, ministers and parishioners were supporting me and my family in every way you can possibly imagine! This journey continued as my connection with God, our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit grew stronger and deeper every day. Even though we were immersed in a different context and community, I never felt alone because the Lord provided the right people to believe in this ministry, the need to bring Spanish-speaking people to Christ here in southern Indiana.

What was once a dream is a reality today! I thank God, the Region, Memorial BC and all members of Flat Rock Association for being there when my family and I needed them the most. We express our gratitude because now Logos is sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with many Spanish-speaking brothers and sisters in Columbus. We wish to thank our IB Logos congregation as well!"

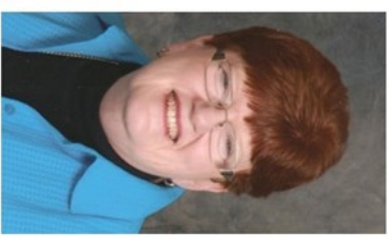
—*Edwin Montañez-Melecio, Pastor, Iglesia Bautista Logos*

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ABC-IN/KY Achieving So Much More TOGETHER!

"Thank you for being the hands, feet, and eyes of Christ by supporting the ABC-IN/KY Region Offering!

We connect churches to pastors, and we connect with churches who would like to become part of the Region. In our partnerships, we also connect churches to missionaries including, but not limited to Carlos Bonilla and Mayra Giovanetti, and Dwight and Barbara Bolick. We connect campers to camp managers, and students to campus ministries. Traditionally, AB Senior Adults, Men, Women's Ministries, and Youth have been connected to missions within the local community, region, state, nation and world.



The Region board has enabled me to serve locally through First Baptist Church of Seymour, where my husband Larry is assistant pastor. He connected with them through the Region when Rev. Dr. Bruce Cochran was senior pastor. The Region connected with Bruce by calling him as a Region minister after he left Seymour. The Rev. Dr. Jeremy Myers became lead pastor of FBC Seymour by also connecting through the Region.

We can do so much more as churches serving TOGETHER through our Region than separately. I encourage you to give generously to share the Light of Christ through our Region Offering!"

Connie Tingle, Layperson, First Baptist Church (Seymour, IN)

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