

# ACTS AND LOVE IN ACTION

## An Update from your BGs Et Al

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### Part 1 – Spain and Colombia...



As foretold, we will try to summarize our most recent missionary journeys. There's so much to share that we will do so in two journals instead of one. The trips to Puerto Rico, Chile, and California will be shared in part 2. As a preview, there were 45 days in total, we traveled 39,357 miles by air and land, flew in 28 planes and slept in 20 different beds. We're catching up with what we didn't travel during the pandemic... Ready for this? Keep reading...

First, we need to decide what to share out of it all. Let's start with the November trip to Spain. We served in Spain from 2010 to 2012 and were not able to visit any other country around it during that time. On our way to the convention, we made some brief stops in Paris (France), Bastia (Corsica), and Lisbon (Portugal). Our eyes were opened to realities we didn't know, and it was a very special time meeting in person the paternal family on the island where great-grandfather Giovannetti was born.



While in **Spain**, we enjoyed the company of those we love in Valencia, such as Dr. Samuel Escobar. The annual session was in Benalmádena / Málaga and for four days we were able to *return* to the life of the Union, their plans and projects to establish 15 churches by 2030, and to *reconnect* with those with whom we had served. In Madrid we were able to *return*

to the Seminary (FTUEBE) and learn more about their academic programs and their needs with their infrastructure. We are exploring opportunities to accompany the convention and the seminary through our discipleship encounters. We would have loved to stay like before, but we are grateful that thanks to your ongoing support we can continue returning in person and keep up online throughout the remainder of this assignment of 2023-2028.



In December the trip was to **Colombia**. The flights threatened to ruin our agenda, but the Lord intervened so that everything worked out; even the reappearance of the missing suitcase with pillowcase dresses exactly where and when we needed it! The trip included The Guajira, Cúcuta, Cartagena, Bogotá, Villeta, and Tenjo. Besides *returning* to share with those we served in 2018-2019 and with whom we keep up with via WhatsApp, we were able to *reconnect* with Carlos' friends and family we hadn't seen in a while. It was exciting to visit the church where Carlos came to the Lord in 1985 and where Mayra met him in 1988. Pastor Miriam called us up to share our testimony... The Lord provided us again a trusted way to move around everywhere we went.

To look at Spain and Colombia is to see God's presence which is there always. There are many ministry opportunities as well as various needs in each country. Which one to tackle first? The Lord owns gold and silver and will guide us to steward the resources available for each need. We ourselves need to reach 100% of our monthly pledge support to have adequate resources for each trip and encounter. We continue to pray with gratitude for those who have joined, those who are joining, and those yet to join in obedience to the Lord's calling to accompany us through prayer, encouragement, and ongoing support. If the Lord is calling you to support our ministries to make disciples in Iberoamerica and the Caribbean, let us know and we will help you get connected.

Next month, in part 2, we will share about the trips to Puerto Rico, Chile, and California. We pray to the Lord that each of these trips inspires you as we come close to Holy Week. Let us keep the fire burning in our hearts as we learn, live out, and teach the Word of God as the Disciples of the Way...

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