

ACTS AND LOVE IN ACTION

An Update from your BGs Et Al

*ABFMS – International Ministries
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Two by two is twenty-four...



Do you know why two by two is twenty-four? “Two people are better off than one. For they can help each other succeed.” (Ecclesiastes 4:9) For almost 20 out of the 24 years we’ve been serving, God has provided us siblings in the USA, Puerto Rico, and the countries we serve that accompany us as we serve. Mission Partnership Teams (MPTs) are a blessing to global servant units and ours are extra special... Read more...



When our MPT was established in April 2005, Betty, Cori, Dick, and Lee were the firsts to join us. Soon after that Dan, Janet, Sue, and Tracy came on board. Then DuRhonda, Oscar, and Yana. And, most recently Jonathan, Kendall, Paul, and Scotty. These 15 beloved siblings are within the USA (and all things English), our

Aaron and Ur that continue to hold our arms up year after year, month after month, and ministry assignment after ministry assignment. We meet almost every other month by Zoom and communicate constantly over email and WhatsApp. Their prayerful and pastoral support continues to energize our ministry as we celebrate 24 years of ministry as regional consultants for discipleship in Chile, Spain, Nicaragua, Colombia, and the wider Iberoamerica and the Caribbean region.

As our ministry has expanded throughout the years, an MPT was also established in Puerto Rico in March 2009. Tali, Chili, Loyda, Nelly, and Johnny have been with us since. Angelique, Rubén, and Ruth María also joined us, followed by Berquis and Joey. And, Sandra, Katy (Chile), Ester (Spain), and Laura Erica (Nicaragua) are the ones to join the renamed MPT Latino most recently. We are



still waiting to hear from one person in Colombia to have our 15 beloved siblings and each country we serve represented in this MPT Latino (and all things Spanish).

In Mark 10:43-44, the Word says that we, as disciples of the Way, are called to be servants, slaves, bondmen, attendants, of servile condition (δοῦλος). We are global servants serving in our region on behalf of our churches and network siblings in the USA and Puerto Rico. And, as our dear Dr. Samuel Escobar coined the phrase, from *everywhere to everyone* as He leads, including those from different countries. We could never do it by ourselves, nor do we want to! We are blessed with these 30 siblings who serve the Lord alongside your BGs as MPT members. There’s been changes since the first MPT was established in 2005 yet we count it a blessing for those that have continued beyond the call of duty and those who have joined along the way, including the most recent ones. Each of them, laypeople and clergy alike, brings to the table a zeal for God’s mission as we are all responding together for good in this venture of faith.

Our mission now is the same as it was in July 2000 when we began: to love others as God loves them and as we love ourselves as well as to love one another so that everyone will know that we are the disciples of the Way! Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is the same as ours, in whatever zip code or address you live in—for the great commission was given to all who follow Him as Lord and Savior so that everyone will know that Jesus loves us and that He is Lord of all. We pray that as all global servants and colleagues from the office gather this month in Colorado for our retreat on this 210th year of service, we can be further *woven together* into the third century of global missions that God has prepared for us to walk in. We are counting on you being part of the journey as we are of yours!

Pressing toward the goal, “for twenty-four years and beyond”, your BGs Et Al (www.facebook.com/BGsEtAl)



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