

# ACTS AND LOVE IN ACTION

*An Update from your BGs Et Al*

ABFMS – International Ministries Regional Consultants for Discipleship in Iberoamerica and the Caribbean

**God is our center...**



In this month of November, our support teams, BGs MPT USA and BGs MPT Latino, coordinated a time of prayer (and fasting) between the 4<sup>th</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. We have been praying and interceding as a team for different needs and giving thanks to God for others. One of our team sisters, Laura Baltodano (Nicaragua), shared the following reflection that we are now sharing with her permission with y'all in the network. Keep on reading...

*"For everything was created by Him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and by Him all things hold together. (Colossians 1:16-17)*

In Him: our lives and our work, everything we do is based in Him, by being the center of everything we have we should be aware that God is paying attention to everything He puts in our hands. The service we provide to others must be based in

Him as unto God and not for human beings. Thus I consider to be the work done by the BGs in the different countries they have served: they have not discriminated based on race or social status, and they have worked with love serving others as serving God Himself.

Through Him: each step given by the BGs, each touch and transformation have not been because of their efforts but thanks to what God has done through them. Yet, for that to happen, we must be together in prayer for God to continue using them. As a family, we should continue paying attention to their needs (in prayer, emotionally, their relatives) to laugh, cry, rejoice, be happy and keep an eye on each other. Through God, transformation in the human beings happens. Through God, changes in our mindset and inward attitudes and around me and even in the situation around us can happen when we let Him to work through us; recognizing that it is God at work, it is God writing and rewriting stories that impact lives, families, and communities.



For Him: the reason for our being and existing is to serve, worship, and praise God. For Him we were created, for His worship not only in the community of faith but in our families, giving testimony of His power and His love. When I was close to the BGs, I experienced that unity and that love from God in their family setting. They are not the traditional religious family that would burn in hell if they don't attend a service but rather the Christian family that lives, experiences, and shares God's love with their peers through the practice of spiritual disciplines like the reading of the Word, prayer, and koinonia, mainly in their home.

In summary, let us continue as a family praying one for the other,

together even when we're physically distant, serving God and recognizing that we are made to exalt His name. Prayer is comforting and renews strength. Yet, above all, we should recognize that Christ should be, is and will be the center of our lives, families, and ministries so we don't act on our own but seeking His will. Then the resources will flow because He will open the doors and will touch the hearts of churches, families, and friends to serve with the BGs by sharing resources that are necessary for them to fulfill the mission. God will also touch the hearts of those who will join this great family reinforcing through prayers for the work the BGs do in Iberoamerica and the Caribbean where the Lord will connect them as we continue to pray for those that need to be disciplined and to grow closer to God."

For this and more, your BGs thank God, our center...

Pressing toward the goal, *"centered in Him"*, your BGs Et Al ([www.facebook.com/BGsEtAl](http://www.facebook.com/BGsEtAl))



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