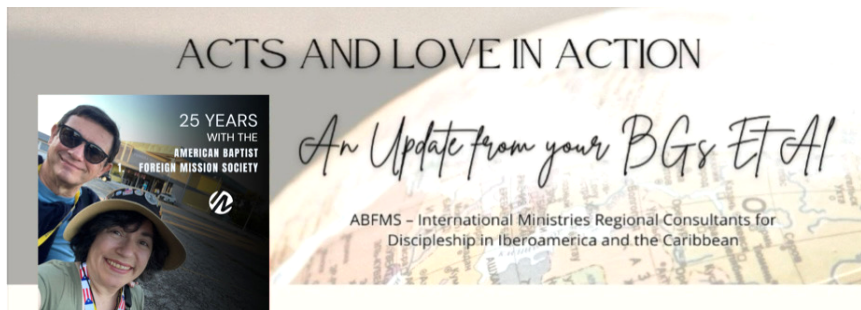




Passing on the torch... – September/October 2025

Our BGs have been reconnecting in person with the churches, regions, and countries where the Lord continues to take them. Each month in 2025 they have traveled and shared in their discipleship encounters. They have flown in 26 planes and slept in 28 beds. They recently shared at Camp Global in West Virginia (their 2nd time since 2014). The theme was prayer and the call in Matthew 9:37-38.



On the other hand, they shared at the Mission Symposium of the Baptist Churches of Puerto Rico, centered in "Passing the torch" and the Lord worked powerfully again. That Saturday, among colleagues and lots of anointing, the torch found its way to the hands of an 11-year-old girl whom He touched to serve in His mission. There is hope! He is still calling and there are those responding to His call to go to the harvest that is ready. Pics and videos on FB and IG (BGs Et Al).

The trip to the island was the 4th of 5 in 2025. The main reasons were the Symposium and the 125th anniversary of the FBC of Caguas; the home church that endorsed, commissioned, and ordained our BGs. On the first Sunday, there was a moment of recognition and gratitude for the 25 years of missionary service of Carlos and Mayra. It was a meaningful moment of affirmation. The guest preacher was Harold Segura, and his reflections reaffirmed both the church and our BGs about what is to come as they reach their respective 125- and 25-year milestones.

What's next? It was 5 years ago when ABFMS reassigned Carlos and Mayra to serve as regional consultants for discipleship in Iberoamerica and the Caribbean. Next is that the Disciples of the Way continue with

Jesus in the way. New doors are opening to go and make disciples, like in Matthew 28:19-20. With 25 years behind them, it is important to have an ongoing relay generation fulfilling their role and passing on the torch to others. Hence, our BGs must continue going and must continue sowing, watering, and multiplying what God has put in their hands to share.

To continue putting acts and love in action, continue/join/invite others to the network and MPT in support of our BGS and this missionary family that continues with their hands on the plow. The 2025 World Mission Offering season is based on Isaiah 43:19, which reads "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"



For our BGs the new is to go where God takes them and where they can love those God puts on their way. At the service in Caguas, Mayra said: "We continue loving people and for the years the Lord allows us, we will continue loving people wherever we go. We trust the Lord, who has always provided, will provide for us to continue going to each place He is opening for us to share the experiences of discipleship and love so that more will know Him and the feast in heaven gets to be even more beautiful."

As shared in West Virginia, our BGs are workers sent into the harvest and will only be able to go if we go with them through our prayers, love, and offerings. Allow the Lord to use you to provide what is needed to continue going and passing on the torch.



Pressing toward the goal, "passing on the torch", your BGs Et Al MPT-USA (www.facebook.com/BGSEtAl)



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