

ACTS IN ACTION

The A Family Net Update from the Bonilla-Giovanetti family

ABFMS Missionaries & MKs to Chile, in Puerto Rico, en route to Spain

January 2010

New winds...



A new year has arrived with new hopes, new challenges, new adventures, and new ministry opportunities. After a wonderful holiday season that began with Thanksgiving and continued into Christmas and New Year's, we continue preparations for our relocation to Spain this Spring 2010.

Visiting the churches this US/PR assignment, since we arrived in March, has given us a great deal of comfort as we have seen God at work and surprising us in many places and in many ways. God has deepened in our hearts the meaning of **Joshua 1:9**.



In New York, we saw these windmills. Modern day windmills, alright, but Don Quixote's windmills weren't that different after all. We will encounter windmills in Spain. We have encountered windmills this year

as we have been from place to place, trusting the Lord to provide our needs, and focusing on our task to be encouragers of our brothers and sisters in so many different churches. Almost 70 churches in the States and Puerto Rico! All have shared of their commitment to the Lord, their love for His mission, and their support to His missionaries. They have also shared from their hearts as they too struggle in these difficult times in which we live. Again He reminds us all: "I've commanded you to be strong and brave. Don't ever be afraid or discouraged! I am the LORD your God, and I will be there to help you wherever you go." (Contemporary English Version)

God shall help us relocate in Spain to serve alongside the Spanish Evangelical Baptist Union, the **Migrants** that are coming to their churches, in **Preparing Christian Education** curriculum materials with Dr. Samuel Escobar, and **Training the lay leadership** in their local churches. We know God will strengthen us through our **MPT** and you, our Network friends, as you continue providing the **ongoing support** needed through prayers, encouragement, and financial gifts that undergird these ministries.

December was a month of joyous celebration of His birth. January is a reminder that "new winds" are blowing in preparation for our move to Spain. As we wait for our entry visas, we take time to pause, meditate, recharge our batteries, enjoy being in our home church and with our family, and continue sharing (though in more informal ways) what we have experienced and what we foresee to be coming up next. Your continued prayers during this transition phase are appreciated, for every little detail that is still to be cared for.

Hard to tell if we'll already be in Spain or still waiting for our visas in March for our next bulletin, but one thing we know...

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Together pressing toward the goal, your fellow servants,

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Acts 1:8, Romans 12:15, Romans 15:22-33

You are invited to join The A Family Team & Network of individuals and churches who support the ministry of the Bonilla-Giovanetti family through prayer, encouragement, or financial support. To learn more or join their Missionary Partnership Network (MPN), contact Lee Riggs, Church Relations Advocate, at rev.riggs@gmail.com.

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