

ACTS IN ACTION

**The A Family Net Update from
the Bonilla-Giovanetti family**
*ABFMS Missionaries & MKs
in Puerto Rico, en route to Spain*

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Active Broadband Census...



March is the month Puerto Rico has set aside for the census, the one USA and Puerto Rico have every 10 years. We find ourselves in the same situation as last census of 2000, in transition... Where will we be at the time of the census? Will we still be here in Puerto Rico or will we already be on our way to Spain? In 2000 we were in Florida, getting ready for our first term in Chile. Now we are getting ready for our third term, this time to serve in Spain.

There are several countries that have an online population clock! The USA's population clock states their projected population growth is based on a birth every 8 seconds, a death every 12, an international migrant (net) every 37, for a net gain of a person every 14 seconds...

On the other hand, on May 10, 2006, the UNFPA news release entitled "**New Haiti Census Shows Drastic Lack of Jobs, Education, Maternal Health Services**" stated the following: "The results of the first census held in Haiti in the past 24 years reveal that half of the country's population is younger than 20 years old, unemployment is a staggering 33 per cent and school attendance rate is as low as 49 per cent. A related study shows that Haiti's maternal death ratio is the highest in the Western Hemisphere, with 523 deaths per 100,000 live births.

Of course, that was in May of 2006. Our clock now is on the after January 12, 2010 earthquake in Haiti time zone, a very different scenario... "The New York Times" recently released that international donors agreed in Montreal on a 10-year rebuilding effort, one that would create an even better capital city and that the government said would cost \$3 billion. And, another media states, "Nobody knows how many bodies have been buried in the rubble: 200,000, 300,000? Who knows the total of dead?"

We know Who knows: our God knows each dead person by their name. And He knows how many will be coming to *new life in Christ* after this earthquake. He keeps precise "active broadband census" in every nation and every people. That is why ministries like those of the James', the Nzungas, Kristy's, and Madeline's are so vital. Not only have they assisted in the recovery and relief efforts, but they and all of us in our fields of service are in those places to assist on an "active broadband census." Let us explain. God knows who is where and He also knows each time one lost soul receives new life in Christ and rejoices with the angels...



Active for it is constant (1 Thes. 5:17); **Broadband** for it is an open, direct line of communication (Eph. 6:18); and **Census** for He knows each of us personally (Isaiah 44:2 and 49:1, Jeremiah 1:4-5, John 10:3, 14), "and even the very hairs of your head are all numbered..." as Matthew 10:30 reminds us.

May we all be active in sharing this Good News with love, compassion, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Together pressing toward the goal,

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