

ACTS IN ACTION

An Update from the
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In step...



January: This new year 2017 we will be visiting our friends and family in the USA and Puerto Rico. We write to you from Caguas, Puerto Rico. Much has already happened and much more is yet to happen this year! We arrived in December and have spent Christmas and New Year with our family and loved ones in our home church. It has been refreshing!

Our last days in Nicaragua were different than planned. Carlos had a mishap with his left ankle that required a splint and the use of crutches and wheelchair. Then in Puerto Rico he had oral surgery to remove an abscess. He is recovering from both and through these experiences we have had some lessons to learn and relearn...

Life can change in a blink of an eye. There are times of health and there are times of health challenges. In both, God is with us, sustains, and provides. In relationships, we are together for joys and sorrows. We have exercised patience, endurance, and loving-kindness.

Persistence pays off. With the abscess, we acted immediately with visits to a dentist, an endodontic, and a maxillofacial doctor (a miracle in itself to get seen the same day by all 3 of them on a Friday!). Started meds over the weekend and Carlos had the surgery by the following Monday. His recovery has been speedy and satisfactory. We had to insist on the third doctor (when there was no answer to the phone), and going directly to the office paid off. There are times when you have to be *in step* and go the extra mile to get things done.

After our last series of farewell visits in Nicaragua, we embarked with our 8 checked suitcases (4 regular size and 4 carry-on size), 1 carry on, 4 backpacks, and our guitar for our two flights to Puerto Rico. The more we travel the less we take with us (remember when we left Chile with 25 suitcases?). **We're not taking any of it to heaven!** We brought with us to Puerto Rico, after completing our term in Nicaragua, only what we need (like the homeschooling materials), what has sentimental value, or what we cannot easily/inexpensively replace.

When we arrived to Nicaragua on January 16, 2013, since we weren't going to be able to buy a car or get a driver's license (lack of money and required documents for both), don Marlon was recommended to taxi us around. He was the one that not only took us places, but also taught us the Nicaraguan culture, its intricacies, and nuances. We learned to be *in step* with the National holidays and peculiarities.



We were blessed to know don Marlon and his family. We were blessed with their love and care. The most cherished blessing was to lead him to faith in Christ and know that we are truly family! What a joy that in our last early morning in Nicaragua, as we were ready to go through security, the last faces we saw were don Marlon's (red shirt) and his family's (Johana and doña Julia, his mom) who came to the airport to bid us farewell.

The more places we go, the more people we meet; hence, the wider and stronger the family grows! Just as Carlos has had to learn to walk again and be *in step*, we learn each term to love and care for those God places in our path. Whether we see them again or not after we complete our assignments, we stay in touch, knowing God has bound us together in His eternal love.

We are looking forward to visiting many of you this year in Puerto Rico and later in the USA. We trust you'll be as eager as we are to see each other! Be in prayer with us as we remain *in step* and discern what plans God has for us in our next assignment. We hope you will continue to be part of this ongoing journey established in 1989 when we got married and commissioned in 2000 when we signed up with the ABFMS. Thanks for your loving care, **ABC-INKY & GI!** The journey continues...

Always seeking to be *in step*,

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