

ACTS IN ACTION

An Update from the
BGsEnRoute
ABFMS Missionaries & MKs
Nicaragua

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Recharging...



December: Throughout this US/PR assignment, we spent the first six months in Puerto Rico (December 2016-June 2017). What an awesome opportunity to visit many churches, friends, and family as well as to prepare Mayra's mom to sell/move out of her house in Caguas. It was a painful process for all involved, and in the end, we just kept Mayra's rocking chair and a few suitcases and boxes in a storage space. We are not sure if they survived the hurricanes, but that's what we left behind.



We spent the second six months in the USA (June-November 2017). What a joy to also visit so many churches, friends, and family. All in all, we slept in more than 80 beds, traveled about 45,000 miles (72,000 km) by air and by land, and shared 1,095 meals with people we care for and deeply love!

We have been houseless since 1992 when we left Puerto Rico to embark on a journey in line with Acts 1.8 and Mayra's mom has joined our houseless family. Yet, we have never been homeless, as there are so many in our path that join us in fulfilling Matthew 19.29 for us, "*And everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or property, for my sake, will receive a hundred times as much in return and will inherit eternal life.*"



This has been an emotionally/spiritually exhilarating year, while also being a physically exhausting one... We left Nicaragua in December of 2016 and have seen God at work each step of the way... Our spirits are **recharged**... Now it is time to let our physical bodies to **recharge**... Hence, we will be changing gears at our temp home in Florida (January onwards) before embarking on our new assignment to COLOMBIA...



UNIBAUTISTA (the Baptist University) invited us to accompany them in the program of discipleship, especially among ethnic groups in the Guajira Northern Region of Colombia. We will also provide support for the **Global Baptist Peace Conference** to be held in Colombia in 2019; hence this new assignment covers two of our Focus Impact Areas (FIA) within the Responding to the Call (RTC) initiative: **Discipleship** and **Peace and Justice**. While being "champions" for global discipleship, we will be traveling from Colombia to other Iberoamerica and the Caribbean countries as well as other regions to share the Bible study materials we have prepared: *Of the Way*.

We pray the Lord will keep **recharging** us physically, spiritually, and financially as we complete this 2017 and head into the New 2018. To serve internationally, all global servants need to be at 100% before departure!

The one Who was born in Bethlehem is more than able to provide for everyone... May He provide you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New 2018!

Stretching further in "recharging" mode,
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