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Pray for Carlos Bonilla and Mayra Giovanetti ministering in discipleship formation and training leaders in Chile.



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Carlos and Mayra have been used by God in discipleship formation and training in churches in Chile, Spain and Nicaragua. UNIBAUTISTA has invited them to continue this work with ethnic groups in one of the most neglected areas of Colombia, the Guajira Northern Region.

They write - This month your BGs participated in the UBLA Conference in Bogotá and a VBS with the congregation that we now attend. This year's Baptist Leaders' Continental

Conference was held in Bogota from June 4-7. We hosted five pastors from the National Baptist Convention of Chile who attended. The title for the Conference was "*Here, now, and to the ends of the earth*". Siblings from Latin America gathered to share their highs and lows of missionary endeavors across the region and to plan strategic ways to continue sharing the Good News to others, planting churches, and making disciples of all the nations.

It had been a while since we last attended one of these meetings. What a blessing to represent our American Baptist family from the USA and Puerto Rico! We currently have 39 global servants in 12 different countries in this region. We pray that for the 2021 Conference in Chile, other colleagues will join us. There was so much to learn and to share of what God is doing throughout this region. The theme "Jesus, Transformation and Life" is the follow up of "There is Life in Jesus" we had been a part of when we were in Chile at the beginning of our ministry with the *American Baptist Foreign Mission Society* (ABFMS).

One of the highlights of attending this conference was to interact again with Pastor Luis Eberto, FBC Cúcuta, about their ministry with Venezuelans in the border between Colombia and Venezuela. In attendance were leaders from the Venezuela Baptist Convention and we were able to meet them and hear of their challenges, their joys in the midst of such pain, and their dreams for the future. As American Baptists from the USA and Puerto Rico, we have so much to give and to learn! We pray that many will be inspired and nudged to partner with us as we partner with Pastor Luis Eberto and these Venezuelan siblings in their hour of need. Stay tuned for some projects we are evaluating to present you soon.

Another highlight was, very much like when we visited Chile in 2017, sharing with Pastors Héctor (current Convention president), Lord, Daniel, Juan Pablo, and Ismael. It was as if we had never been apart! Our Bible study materials can bless our Chilean family too, and they have asked us for them. We pray for the times and the seasons to share in Chile what is ready (Part 1: Bible). Please pray with us for all the logistics and the resources needed to expand the use of the Bible study materials and that many will be transformed by His Spirit as they study.

Read their entire journal at <https://www.internationalministries.org/to-the-ends-of-the-earth-hasta-lo-ultimo-de-la-tierra/>