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## ABOUT US

Nate & Nikki Bonham are long-term missionaries serving with Mission to the World ([www.mtw.org](http://www.mtw.org)). They have been serving in Latin America since 2012 and are currently based out of Arequipa, Peru with their three sons.

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# THE BONHAM LINE



## 30 SECOND UPDATE (see articles below for more details)

- Last month, Nate was named as the MTW Regional Director for South America. MTW is currently present in six South American countries.
- Seminario Bíblico Reformado just began its 5th module! Our extensions continue in Peru, Venezuela, and Spain with almost 150 students. Nate is currently teaching a class on The Gospels.
- In order to maintain the ministry of SBR, aid in local church planting and growth, and serve the MTW missionaries of South America, our family needs to raise \$1,600 per month. Consider pledging!
- Pray for Nathaniel and Alicia Gutierrez as they begin a 1-year Home Ministry Assignment (HMA) in the U.S, and for the McCalls as they raise support.

## Going “Glocal”

Have you ever heard of the word “glocal”? No, I did not make it up. Glocal is an adjective being used in the international business and missions worlds to describe efforts or organizations with both local and global considerations. Although I don’t care much for the word, it describes what the next chapter of our lives and ministries will look like.

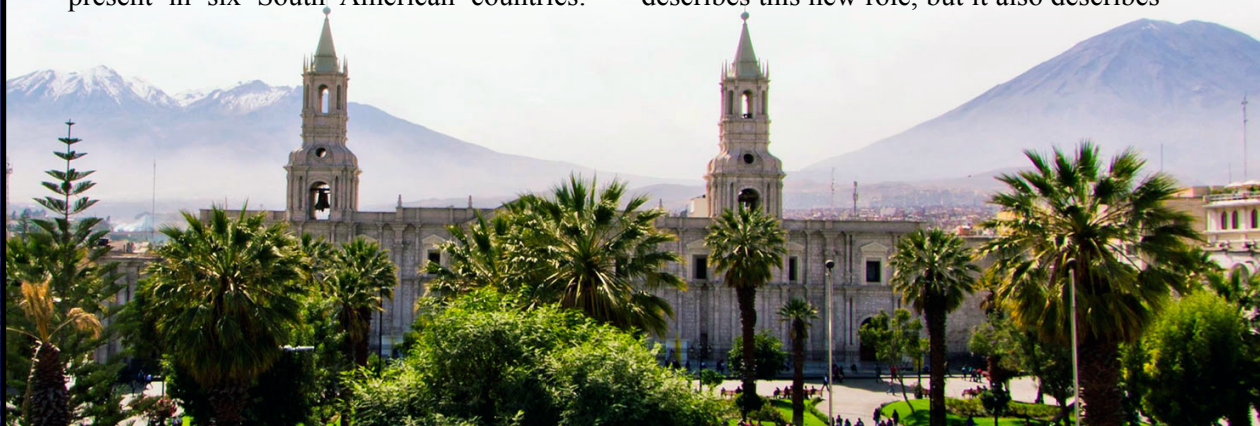
Last month, I (Nate) was named as the MTW Regional Director of South America. Basically, this means that along with my local responsibilities here on the field, I now also get the privilege of working closer with my colleagues all across South America as we establish and execute a vision in our region. Right now, MTW is present in six South American countries:

Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, Peru, and Uruguay. It will be an honor to serve all of these missionaries who have left home, family, and friends to serve Christ and His church.

This also means that I will be traveling through South America more frequently to come alongside these missionaries. Already it has been a joy to connect with friends across South America and see what the Lord is doing through them. Please pray for our family as we transition into this new role. There is quite a steep learning curve and there are several adjustments we will be making as a family along the way.

## A “Glocal” Seminary

In many ways, “glocal” not only describes this new role, but it also describes



the ministry of Seminario Bíblico Reformado (Reformed Bible Seminary). This month we began our fifth module. On top of our local campus here in Arequipa, Peru and our virtual students, our extension campuses in Venezuela and Spain are pressing forward. SBR has touched the lives of almost 150 students across the Spanish-speaking world. We have marveled at the way the Lord has used the seminary to minister to the local community, but to also have a global reach in equipping leaders of the church.

In this module, I am teaching a class on the Gospels, and Rodny (our missionary teammate from Venezuela) is teaching a class on The Apostles' Creed. These two classes will carry us through the end of 2018. Then, in 2019, there will be only two more modules until we complete our entire 18-month curriculum cycle. Lord-willing, we we will have our first group of graduates in July!



## Our Teammates

Please for Nathaniel & Alicia Gutierrez as they transition back the U.S. for a one-year Home Ministry Assignment (HMA). HMAs are a time to reconnect with supporters and churches. This transition can be hard on families, especially for kids. Although it is a much-needed and well-deserved time for Nathaniel, Alicia and their children, a piece of our hearts are absent as they are away. Our newest teammates, the McCall family, continue their support-raising in order to join us on the field. They have reached the half-way mark in raising

support. Pray for them as they push hard towards 100% and begin thinking through transitioning to the field.

## A New Goal

We are so thankful to have faithful financial supporters who have been with us since we arrived in Latin America over 6 years ago. As we have served, there have only been a few supporters who have had to suspend their support for changes in family situations. Unfortunately, our expenses have risen over the years for many reasons. First, there is the reality of inflation where the dollar does not go as far as it did 6 years ago. Second (and this is a good problem), our ministry reach has greatly expanded. Through supporting our family, you are reaching people in Peru, Venezuela, and Spain with the gospel. You are also ministering to other MTW missionaries across South America. Your support also provides a salary for Rodny and Sara as they help with the administration and teaching of the Seminary. Because of all of this, we are experiencing a net deficit each month. *We need to raise \$1,600 per month to continue the ministry to which the Lord has called us.*

**What we have done?** We have taken steps as a family to limit the financial hit we take each month: we have been frugal with expenses, we have not reimbursed all of our ministry expenses from our support account, and we are not taking our full salary. We have done what we can, but this is not enough to cover the margin. This is where you come in.

**What you can do?** Please consider financially partnering with us to cover this deficit. There are many ways to help. 1) Some of you have been keeping up with us for 6 years, but have not yet financially supported us. Now is the time to start! 2) For those who currently support us, perhaps you would consider increasing your support. 3) Ask your church to start (or increase) their support of our ministry. 4) Recruit friends and family to partner with us. You can give online at: [Give.TheBonhamLine.org](http://Give.TheBonhamLine.org)

We seek to remain faithful to the call of missions, but that is simply not possible without support from our brothers and sisters in Christ. We are making the need known. We will continue to keep you updated with our progress using the graphic below.



## FINANCIAL GOAL UPDATE

To sustain our current international ministry and local ministry, we need to raise \$1,600 per month. Please consider making a monthly pledge towards are goal. Pledges may be made at:

[Give.TheBonhamLine.org](http://Give.TheBonhamLine.org).

After pledging, email us and let us know so we can update our update!