

# BONHAM

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

- Already in 2020 we have visited several churches: All Saints PCA, Providence PCA, Faith PCA, and FPC Louisville, MS.
- We were able to meet up with the Gutierrez family (our former teammates in Arequipa)
- We attended ReConnect, a week of missionary debriefing with MTW.

## In Full Swing

It's already February! We had hoped to get a newsletter out in January, but it just didn't happen. We hit the ground running in 2020. We began the year with a 2,000+ mile trip to Pennsylvania.

As we headed back south, we stopped in Brentwood, TN to visit our friends at All Saints PCA for the first Sunday of the year. This dear church has partnered with us since they were planted in 2015. Not many churches support missionaries from the very beginning, but they did. It brought back a flood of memories of our time in a church plant as we met in a school gymnasium. We were warmly welcomed with a luncheon with several families afterwards.

The following Sunday, we were able to get back to Mississippi and visit **Providence PCA** in Clinton, MS.

Nate preaching at a retreat.

This church has been partnering with us since the beginning of our missions journey. Two weeks in a row we were met with southern hospitality as we enjoyed some barbecue together.

At the end of January, we jumped on a plane and headed to Washington state. (We have limits to how far we will drive with three kids in tow.) This was truly a sweet reunion. We were able see Nathaniel and Alicia Gutierrez. It was also a reunion for our kids to see each other. The last time we had seen them was in the airport as they were leaving Arequipa more than a year before. It was a precious time, but far too short.

But it wasn't just time for catching up. Nate was invited to be the plenary speaker at an annual snow retreat which included several area churches. The focus of the messages was about battling worldview as we studied the book of Judges. Immediately after the retreat, we headed



The Bonhams & Gutierrezes reunited.

### **ABOUT US**

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Catching up with missionary friends (Matt & Esta Jesch) at MTW's ReConnect missionary debrief.

to <u>Faith PCA</u> in Tacoma where we gave a brief ministry update and Nate preached during the evening service. (This church is also where the Gutierrez family is now serving.)

The next morning we flew across the country back to Chattanooga, TN. We dropped the boys off with Grandma, and Nikki and Nate drove a few hours to Dillard, GA. Here we attended **ReConnect**. This is a week-long debrief that we participate in every 4 years. It allows us to process our experience on the mission field alongside other missionaries who understand the experience of working and ministering in foreign cultures. This is one way that MTW cares for us. Our favorite part, though, is catching up with missionary friends we very seldom see.

After ReConnect, we headed back to our home base in Madison, MS. (Yes, we did pick up the boys on the way back.) On Sunday morning, we drove about 1.5 hours north to **First Presbyterian Church** in Louisville, MS. This dear congregation has also been partnering with us since the beginning. We received a warm reception as we shared what the Lord was doing in South America, and we were invited for lunch to enjoy a delicious roast. (As you can see, food is always a highlight of our time in the US.)



A slight family detour to ice skate while driving our 2,000 mile round trip.

# Home Ministry Assignment Calendar - 2020

Jan. 5 - All Saints PCA - Nashville, TN Jan. 12 - Providence PCA - Clinton, MS Jan. 24-26 - Faith PCA - Tacoma, WA Feb. 2 - First PCA - Louisville, MS

Feb. 9-16 - Pear Orchard PCA - Ridgeland, MS (Preaching & Presenting)

Feb. 19-23 - Highlands PCA - Ridgeland, MS (Preaching & Presenting)

Feb. 21-23 - Trinity PCA - Jackson, MS (Presenting)

Feb. 28 - Mar. 1 - Christ Church PCA - Katy, TX (Preaching & Presenting)

Mar. 8 - Trinity PCA - Murfreesboro, TN (Presenting)

Mar. 15 - Covenant PCA - Nashville, TN (Presenting)

Mar. 21-22 - Faith PCA - Fairless Hills, PA (Preaching & Presenting)

Mar. 27-29 - First CRC - Ripon, CA (Preaching & Presenting)

Apr. 19 - Pearl PCA - Pearl, MS (Preaching & Presenting)

Mid-May 2020 - Finish our HMA and move to Medellin, Colombia

Church visits to be scheduled:

- First PCA Gulfport, MS
- Westminster PCA Greenwood, MS
- Trinity PCA Corinth, MS



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