

the Arce Family NEWSLETTER

3rd Generation Missionaries to Venezuela

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Letter from Marllorys

Nathan and I have been married for 20 years, and by meeting him I was introduced to one of the most beautiful American traditions: Thanksgiving.

Being a missionary family in Venezuela, Thanksgiving has very little to do with food (some ingredients are impossible to find), nor is it accompanied by the autumn colors or the pumpkin-style atmosphere. (Venezuela has a summer climate all year round with rainy weather in some months.) And Thanksgiving was definitely not associated with Black Friday (in an economy of socialist revolution that has experienced terrible hyperinflation).

Celebrating Thanksgiving allows us to gather as a family and eat with gratitude what God has provided (at times the provision arrived in a box that was sent out of love months in advance). But the most special

thing always was sitting in the living room of my in-laws' house to sing and bear witness to the goodness of God in the moments of the year when we saw His hands of protection--in the moments when we did not understand the reason for the situation, but we chose to trust in the promises of God.

Thanksgiving was also a time to recognize how God had used others to build our lives and strengthen our faith.

There are so many reasons we can and should give thanks. After having traveled for eight weeks to visit churches to present the ministry in Venezuela for the first time and visiting churches that for years have been our companions in prayer, we are so grateful for generous supporters in our time of needs. We are also grateful for all of our friends who regularly write us, call us, and affirm that everything we do from the heart for the Lord's work is not in vain.

We want to invite you to watch the video report of the year 2023, with which we want to

thank God for the work that He has been doing in the souls in Venezuela. We hope you will praise God for how He has worked in the hearts of pastors, leaders, and servants who are consecrated to a life of sacrificial service. And we are especially grateful for what God is doing in our family by giving us, by His grace, the privilege of seeing our children use their gifts, talents, and willing hearts to love God and love others until the end of our lives, in a nation in which there is still so much need for the gospel and the freedom that only Christ can give.



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Loving God... Loving others *Nathan Arce*

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