## the Arce Family NEWSLETTER

3rd Generation Missionaries to Venezuela

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## Only His Hand Can Make This Possible

Without any doubt, 2017 was a very difficult year for the Venezuelan people; yet at the same time, it was a year that God used to challenge the church to take a step of faith and give beyond their strength.

Last year The Open Door Baptist Church served over 5800 hardy and healthy meals to children and young people who came to church. Each one of them left with the knowledge that God loves them and that this congregation is doing its best to show that love by serving them.

Only the Lord could have moved people's hearts to support this ministry by giving and especially by praying for us, as this nation went through a historic year of hunger, shortages, and even the biggest exodus of the Venezuela people.

God's miraculous hand was evident in 2017, as we now have an industrial stove-oven and an industrial freezer. Week after week He provided all that was needed. What was once a dream, today is our beautiful reality.

The Lord continues to give us opportunities to minister to different groups of students, as well as the school staff, presenting Christ as the Truth and the Way. We challenge them to make good decisions, change their ways, and become men and women who follow God and, by example, bring others to a real, surrendered relationship with Him.

We were blessed by visiting distant and newer ministries in Venezuela, helping younger pastors and church planters through teaching marriage and family-oriented material in their churches. Please pray that this new part of the ministry continues and that God would guide us, as we see so much need for help in these families that are serving the Lord alone and at the beginning stages of ministry.

Even though visiting, baptizing new believers, discipling, and counseling were done last year, we are committed to go the extra mile, as we prepare our congregation for our next furlough in 2019. We are excited to see members taking on ministry, and we have all this year to do our very best preparing the church. God has certainly called different families from this church to a full-time ministry, and they are now serving Him in different parts of the world; but He has also called a new family to be by our side, and for that we are grateful.

We always pray for you and thank you for your part in this work. May the Lord bless your lives beyond how you have blessed ours.

P.S. If you are interested in having us visit and update your church during 2019, please contact me by email at nathanarce@gmail.com with some dates, and we can work out a date on our schedule.

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