



## 2021 President's YEAR END REPORT

2021 was a year of continued ups and downs. God continues to be faithful, reminding me often that His timing and His plan stands separate from my own expectations. Our year began, not in San Diego, but in Roxbury, PA as we gathered most of the BoDy together at the Heisey homestead to hold our 2021 Annual BoDy Retreat during a year that continued to be impacted by COVID-19. We began our year praying and focusing on how we were to be Deeply Rooted in God's will and direction, trusting that He would lay even more foundation for Abogar International Ministries.

Our focus on God's Deeply Rooted plan led to a milestone for Abogar that has been a long-standing dream! In March, 2021, Abogar purchased our very first piece of property in Guatemala, which I'm sure Jesse will be excitedly recording in his report as well! This was not only an incredible blessing and step towards operating in a permanent space for ministry, administration, classes and hosting, but it was financially spearheaded by the generosity and commitment of the Abogar BoDy. Together, we contributed \$12,205 towards this first phase of the Capital Campaign!

An ongoing challenge our board faced this year has been passing the baton of board membership from members who have long served this ministry to new members eager to take on this committed role. We are saying goodbye to members who have faithfully served for many years, and are drawing to the end of their terms of service. I want to pause and say a massive THANK YOU to Mike Holland and Karen Wilson for the years they have volunteered their time, talents, money, and prayer to Abogar's ongoing work. You have each been invaluable, and we are infinitely grateful for your willingness to listen to God's leading.

We have sought out several outstanding people connected to Abogar's ministry in various ways, but are still building a team of Abogar Board members who will carry on the baton. That being said, we do have one incredible addition to the BoDy - Kara Holland - who joined us from Texas in November, taking Karen Wilson's place as Secretary of the Board. She has already been an incredible blessing! In this area of our board growth especially, I lean on the trust that God's timing is outside of my understanding and He will be faithful to nudge those who are called to serve with Abogar's next decade.



A strong board is foundational to Abogar's work. Over this past year, the BoDy has either coordinated or helped to host multiple small gatherings of potential Abogar supporters, eleven Abogars for Abogar meetings, two Appreciation Dinners, and held many more conversations sharing Abogar's work and ministry than we can count. The BoDy has raised more than \$19,000 towards Abogar's work, some of that from their own finances. To say that we have been blessed with an awesome BoDy would be an understatement.

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

We began our year in Roxbury, PA, focused on work that would be Deeply Rooted in God's guidance for our year. Now here we are in the beginning of 2022, gathered (mostly) in San Diego, California once again. This coming year, Jesse and I believe that God is leading us to focus on Building Up. Most literally, we have a building to Build Up in our neighborhood of Guatemala. As a team, we have a board to Build Up. Finally, we have more work to do to Build Up on the vision God has for His children and families in Latin America. Thank you - for joining in this work together as a team and giving your talents, your finances, your time to work for and alongside families in Latin America to see life-long homes and life-long families take root and build up strong in God's Kingdom and in their communities.

## **2021 IN REVIEW**

- 11 regular monthly board meetings
- 1 Annual Retreat in Roxbury, PA in January 2021
- 100% board financial giving to Abogar
- \$12,205 raised by the board towards the Capital Campaign
- 11 Abogar's for Abogar meetings
- 2 Abogar Appreciation Dinners
- Several events for fundraising and sharing hosted by BoDy members