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## A Lifetime of Preparation for Ecuador & Latin America

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Would you like to know some of the personal background story leading up to this decision to go to Ecuador to discern if it is the Lord's will to make Latin America the primary focus of the Global Life Campaign, and through success there, establish a model for impacting other regions through ministry partners?





When I was a child, my family lived in Brazil (1961-1965). My parents were missionaries, and Dad pastored two churches. He took this picture of us at Iguacu Falls, and I'm on the right.

In 1989, after completing work for a Member of Congress, I sought the Lord for His purpose for my life, and He began putting nations on my heart. Ten years later, He opened the door for me to be a Senior Policy Analyst on the United Nations for Freedom Alliance, and two years later to be Representative to the UN for Focus on the Family USA (2001-2011). While connecting with people from other nations, I realized that God had planted in my heart as a child a love for being among people of other nations. (This photo is with one my favorite diplomatic friends, Fr. Philip Bene. What a joy it was to co-labor with him to influence the nations!).

After completing work for Focus, I sought the Lord again, and He put Biblical foundations, sanctity of human life, and nations on my heart, and so I formed the Global Life Campaign in December 2011. Then in 2015, I was reading the story of God calling Abram. "Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you; and I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing'" (Genesis 12:-12). God fulfilled His promises to Abram fully. I have no illusions of Him making a great nation from me, or making my name great – for I only want to make His name great – but the rest applies. During the past 6 years, I have increasingly realized God is calling me to not just go and return, visiting nations, but to leave my country, my relatives and my father, and go and live among a people to whom He is calling me. One of the most difficult decisions of my life was to leave my father's house 3 months ago. He is 93-years old, I love him deeply, and thinking about this brings tears to my eyes. In 2013, I obeyed the Lord's call to move away from my sons to be with and serve Dad, and that was a very difficult decision too. But now I've moved back to Colorado Springs to keep

a home and office base here, to be near them and their families. Gabriel and his wife Tess will give birth to my first grandchild in May. These decisions are tough, but my life does not belong to me, and I have chosen to obey the Lord whatever the cost. For years I have told Him: "Make Your will clear to me, and my answer is 'YES!"

**GIVE**: Will you help the GLC and me say "Yes" to God's call? In 2 weeks, I leave for Ecuador. Will you support this trip to explore needs and confirm the Lord's will? The budget for the entire 3 months is <u>only</u> \$6,500 (very reasonable!), and we need to raise these funds quickly. Please consider a generous donation to the Global Life Campaign to fund this trip and prepare for future expanded impact with partners. (Click "MyGift" on <u>www.GLC.life</u>.)

**PRAY NOW**: Please pray about how God wants you to partner with us, and pray for the abortion legislation to be stopped in its tracks in Ecuador.

For the precious gift of every child and remembrance of children unborn,

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