

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS
Gratitude for the Bonilla Forero Family, 2015–2026
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In the fall of 2015, Frontera de Cristo had a vision of starting a children’s enrichment center and working with Café Justo and CRREDA drug rehab center to start a coffee shop. The ministry had a vision, but did not yet have the personnel necessary to make it possible. In such as time as that, the Mennonite Central Committee Mexico asked Frontera de Cristo if we would like to have two of their mission workers, an educator and a pastor/administrator come and be a part of the Frontera de Cristo family.

Marina Forero and David Bonilla arrived with their children in December of 2015 with the gifts, experience, and faith needed. Within six months, Café Justo y Más was dedicated, and the first site of the Children’s Enrichment Ministry was started at the New Hope Community Center. After ten years, Café Justo y Más continues to have a strong presence in the community, hiring people in recovery from addictions to have jobs that support their recovery, and providing space for children, youth, and adults to share their artistic abilities. And becoming the largest buyer of Café Justo. The Children’s Enrichment Ministry has expanded to include four different sites with a fifth planned to start in the fall.



This spring a church in California shared with David and Marina their vision of starting a new Spanish-speaking ministry in their community. They saw the gifts, experience, and faith in David and Marina and invited them to help make their vision a reality.

Marina and David shared with the board of FDC:

“This decision has not been easy for us. During the past 10 years, Frontera de Cristo was not only the place where we served; it became our spiritual family, our community, and a very important part of our lives and ministry. Here we grew, learned, cried, celebrated, and witnessed God’s faithfulness working through many individuals and families over the years.

We want to express our sincere gratitude for the opportunity to serve alongside all of you. We will always carry in our hearts the experiences we shared, the friendships we built, and the privilege of walking together in the mission of sharing the love of Christ along the border.”

For such a time as this, David and Marina have ended their time of ministry with FDC to begin a new chapter of life and ministry. While their ministry with FDC has ended, their ministry has born much fruit over these 10 years and will continue bearing fruit. ☐