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New missionaries are not the only people we serve on our trips to Florida. During candidate school, we also met with a couple who had

hosted us on a previous visit. Another woman took us into her home for 12 days during this visit, as there was no room at the Launch center, where we usually stay. She treated us like royalty. We met with a young woman facing health challenges, whose parents are missionaries, and also with a family dealing with reentry issues as they

seek God's direction through this transition.



Since we were already in Florida, after candidate school we took the opportunity to reconnect with some supporters as well as some good friends from the past.

In Sarasota, we met with friends from our home church who spend the winter there. Although it was cooler than during previous visits, we were able to rest after the busy weeks of candidate school at the mission. Dan and Chris Dieter also came through at the same time, on their way home from Uruguay. The photo shows us at a seafood restaurant.



Several hours south of Sarasota, we met with a woman who had been a teenager in our church in Venezuela. We had not seen her in 28 years. It was hard to hear how much that beautiful country has disintegrated since we were there in the 1980's. We also heard some of what happened to the church after we left. They mistakenly believed that we wanted to leave them and return to the USA. It was a blessing to her and to us to spend time with her.

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We returned to Sarasota where Becky was asked to speak at the Bahia Vista ladies' sewing circle. The photo shows Becky receiving a handmade prayer shawl from the women.

While in Sarasota we also had a delightful visit with a couple who were mentors to Becky when she was young. Because they had just moved into assisted living, their daughter was also there to help, and we enjoyed meeting her again.



Our final stop was to see Becky's friend from college. She lives near the coast in South Carolina.



Along the whole trip, we have gone to church with whomever we were staying. Her friend is a faithful, active Catholic. We visited her church and then were invited to a local theatre production followed by a nice meal in an Italian restaurant. This gave us an informal opportunity to talk about our ministry with the people at our table. As we were leaving the restaurant one of the women pulled us aside and asked us to pray for her. We paused right there and prayed privately for her. We may not hear the end of the matter until we reach heaven, but God used us where we were, because we were available.

Thank you for praying for our ministry and for us. We are able to touch all of these lives because of your generosity. We would be happy to join you in your prayer concerns as well. Just send us an email at: [ken.holderman@globeintl.org](mailto:ken.holderman@globeintl.org)

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