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Baptism at Pueblo Nuevo

Anny and her husband  
Carlos on their wedding day

## A Village Made New

In 2017, the AFCI Dominican Republic team made the difficult journey by donkey into the remote mountain village of Pueblo Nuevo. Carrying rice, beans, cooking oil, and basic medical supplies, they came to meet practical needs and share the hope of the Gospel in a community that had little exposure to Christ.

The team was looked upon with a great deal of suspicion, but in response to their kindness and the Gospel message, one woman named Anny came to faith in Jesus Christ.

The team continued returning regularly and acquired a small, dilapidated

house in which they started a church in 2018. The tiny church struggled to grow, but Anny's conversion became a turning point for the village. Anny faithfully attended church and steadily matured in her walk with the Lord.

Early in 2025, Anny approached Pastor Cristian, AFCI's National Director, with a heartfelt request. By then, her partner had also come to faith in Christ through her testimony and the ministry of the church. As they grew in their understanding of Scripture, they became convicted that living together outside of marriage did not honor God's design. Desiring to walk in obedience to Christ, they expressed their

*continued back*



## From the ID

Brian Hamilton  
AFCI International Director

### When God’s People Gather

One of the most encouraging moments in the book of Acts occurs after Paul’s first missionary journey, when he and Barnabas gathered with the believers to testify what God had done among the nations (Acts 14:27). Scripture reminds us that something special happens when God’s people come together—to worship, pray, encourage one another, and renew their commitment to the work He has called them to do.

This November, AFCI is planning such a gathering to celebrate what the Lord is doing through our national teams.

More than 100 AFCI leaders from 20+ nations will gather in Malta for our 2026 International Congress around the theme, “Always abounding in the work of the Lord” (1 Corinthians 15:58).

As I think about this gathering, I am reminded that many of our national leaders serve in difficult places and often without the encouragement of regular fellowship with others who share the same burden for the Gospel. Some minister in areas marked by poverty, political instability, or spiritual opposition. Yet they continue laboring faithfully because they believe Christ is worthy.

The IC is more than a conference. It is an opportunity for weary servants to be refreshed, for friendships to be strengthened, and for AFCI leaders to hear firsthand how God is moving through ministries around the world. It is also a reminder that we are part of something much larger than ourselves — a global family united in the mission of making Christ known.

Would you pray with us in the months ahead? Pray for provision for visas, safe travel, meaningful fellowship, spiritual encouragement, and a fresh vision for the years ahead. Most of all, pray that Christ would be exalted in every moment we share together.

Thank you for helping make gatherings like this possible.

With eyes on Jesus,

Brian Hamilton  
International Director

“... so that all nations may know of Your salvation” (Ps 67:2)



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## Voice Across the Caribbean

For more than 45 years, the Gospel has been shared across St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) through the ministry of AFCI National Director Veral Blake. He remains deeply engaged in discipleship, family ministry, leadership development, and radio broadcasting that reaches listeners throughout the Caribbean and beyond.

What began on a single station has grown into a ministry heard on seven stations across the region, with online streaming reaching listeners around the world. Each week, Veral prepares daily devotions, Bible teaching programs, evangelistic broadcasts, and biblical commentary that proclaim the Gospel and strengthen believers in their walk with Christ.

At the same time, much of the ministry in SVG takes place through personal relationships. Veral and his wife, Pat, regularly host Bible studies in their home and provide counseling for couples. The Blakes are investing in biblical marriage and family ministry in a culture where marriage is becoming increasingly rare. Over the years,

Veral has officiated nearly 100 weddings while guiding couples toward God’s design for marriage and family. He also teaches in local churches and comes alongside people during times of grief and spiritual need.

That emphasis on personal discipleship and spiritual restoration was evident in a recent message from Hebrews 12 entitled “From Bitter to Better,” in which Veral challenged believers to surrender bitterness and pursue reconciliation. Before preaching, he contacted individuals with whom he had long-standing tensions and sought forgiveness so he could stand in the pulpit with a clear conscience.

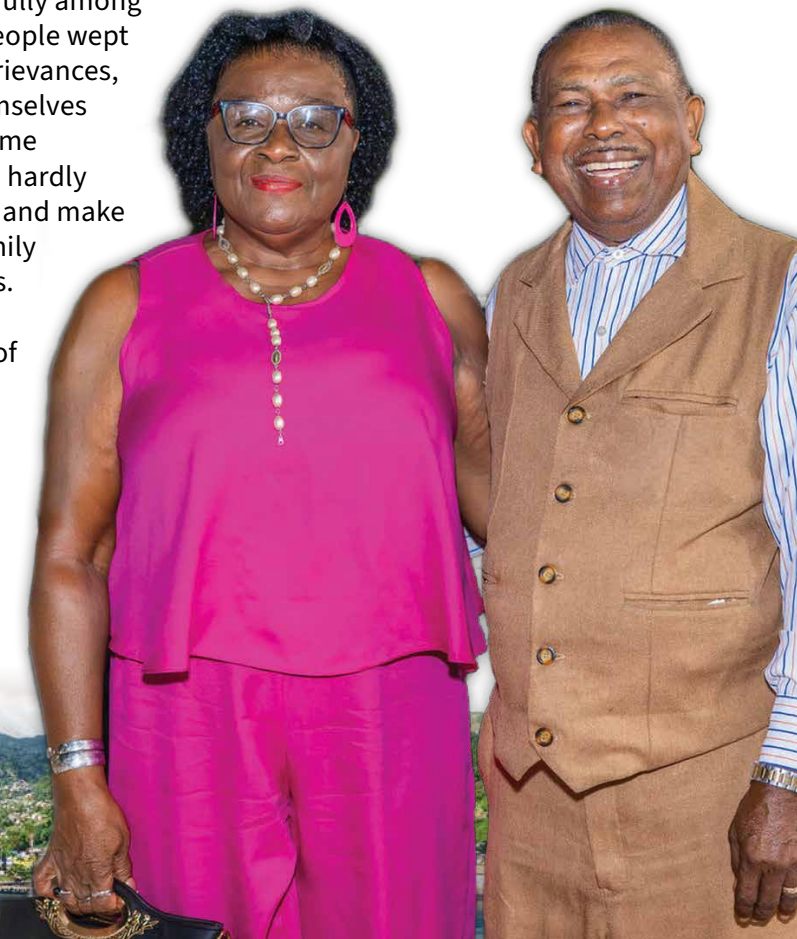
As he shared this testimony, the Holy Spirit moved powerfully among the congregation. People wept openly, confessed grievances, and committed themselves to reconciliation. Some later said they could hardly wait to return home and make things right with family members and others. Veral described the atmosphere as one of “great freedom.”

The reach of Veral’s ministry is evident wherever he travels. People often recognize his voice and stop to share how



his radio broadcasts have transformed their lives.

AFCI SVG is ready to expand onto three additional radio stations and is looking for ministry partners to underwrite this outreach. Would you prayerfully consider sponsoring a station and helping extend the life-changing message of Christ to thousands more people through this growing Gospel ministry?



## Made New (from front)

wish not only to be married, but also to be baptized.

What followed was something only God could orchestrate.

As Anny shared her testimony, other couples in the village were deeply moved. Soon, what began with one couple grew to seven couples who desired to follow Christ in obedience through marriage and believer's baptism.

Pueblo Nuevo is an extremely poor community. The AFCI team knew such an event would require God's provision through many people. One by one, He provided. Wedding dresses and suits were donated. Cooks volunteered to prepare a large buffet feast. A massive wedding cake was given as a gift, and a jeweler provided rings at cost.

On the opening weekend of AFCI's mission trip in December 2025, our team witnessed something unforgettable. The day began at the village river, where 21 new believers publicly declared their faith through baptism. It ended on the church grounds, where seven couples stood together and entered into biblical marriage before God and their community. The oldest couple was in their 80s.

These were the first marriages ever recorded in the history of Pueblo Nuevo. And the first believers ever baptized there. To put this into perspective, AFCI-linked churches in the entire province of Sosúa recorded 100 baptisms in the year - so 21 baptisms in one tiny village made a big 'splash'!



*Above: Anny volunteering at the church plant*

This story is a powerful reminder that when the Gospel takes root, Christ transforms not only individuals but entire communities. Yet, eleven remote villages in the Pueblo Nuevo region still await the Good News. We are seeking three individuals, families, or churches to sponsor mission outreaches to these villages. Will you prayerfully consider becoming one of those partners? If God is stirring your heart to help reach the next unreached village, contact Brian at [bhamilton@afciworld.org](mailto:bhamilton@afciworld.org).



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