

# LUIS PEROZO 2005 REPORT

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Esteemed brethren, receive a brotherly greeting in the love that is of Jesus Christ. In like manner greetings to your family and the local church; that all are well physically and spiritually, these are my desires and that this year 2006 the Lord will continue to bless you. Here we are well, thanks to the Lord; the church is fine and my family as well. The report of this time I believe is propitious for a summary of what came to pass in 2005.

Edification: In the past month of December I continued with studies or Bible classes in the local church on Sunday, with the subject of "the letter to the Philippians", particularly chapter 2. On the 11th I preached "The necessary things". I directed twice on Wed. the prayer service and twice taught the Bible study on Friday night.

In the course of the year 2005 the church maintained its rhythm of edification. During the year besides the teachings and sermons that the local brethren gave we were also comforted and built up by preachers from other localities—6 different brethren from 6 different churches were invited by the church. (usually for a Sunday or perhaps Sat. & Sun.)

We ended the Bible studies regarding the New Testament church, which we were studying on Sun. from 10:00-10:30 AM, before the worship service. We began another study relating to the books of the New Testament, beginning with the letters of Paul. These studies are given by your servant and with them we have seen the growth in the faith of our brethren. It gives us satisfaction that the brethren are developing in spiritual growth so that we have new brethren who we are using in the teaching program.

Four teenagers, between 14 & 16, receive training from your servant on Sat. and from another brother on Sun. We are happy to see the disposition and desire they have to go onward. They are doing well in the way of the faith.

Attendance has been uniform that is an average of 45. We have elderly people who are sick and cannot attend. One member passed away in July and it was necessary to apply biblical discipline to a brother because he strayed from the truth and is teaching false doctrine.

The children's classes continue because we see the importance of them (many churches outside the US do not). My oldest daughter is in charge of this work. Weekly those brethren who are able are cooperating in the edification in other churches at the previous invitation of those churches—in Quibor, Ruiz Pineda and Las Piedras.

During the month of October the local church programmed an extra activity, composed of two parts

1. Saturday the 8th we had prayer from 5-7 PM

2. The 28th & 29th we had a two evangelistic services from 6:45-7:45 PM. The preaching on this occasion was by Hector Torin and me.

During the year 2005 there were 8 baptisms, the last of which occurred Dec. 20th. Felipe Mendoza is his name; he is a man 78 years old. 3 brethren were restored and 2 placed membership with us. They are: Morela, Pastor, Gloria; Juan Carlos, Moises, respectively. At the present time the membership is 55 Christians.

Evangelism in the local area, other cities, and new congregations: In 2005 I personally attended contacts in the city of Barquisimeto as well as in other cities, 14 in all. With this New Year, God willing, I contemplate new students. An evangelistic work was begun in the city of Duaca, where we have two contacts. We comfort and strengthen the sister that lives there and this year we will be extending the work there.

This past year I visited the churches in Biscucuy and Bocono every month to encourage and build them up. I also preached in the El Gaitero neighborhood in Maracaibo every two months, preaching on every occasion Sat. & Sun. I also worked with the church in Las Piedras during the week one or two days and on Sunday was with them 6 times.

On the 23rd of Jan. I visited the church in Cagua in the morning and that afternoon was with the church in San Juan de los Morros in the company of my daughter Pastora and the brethren Javier and Ivonne Alvarez. In the church in Maracay, where Brother Luis Barros preaches, I visited and preached the 21st of Aug. The same day I also preached at San Juan de los Morros and was accompanied by Brother Luis Barros and my daughter.

In the month of April I was cooperating with Brethren Ronald & Gregory Roark and Jose Barros (Luis Barros younger brother) in the city of Puerto Ordaz in the East of the country. (This is a new work begun in early 2005 and had their first baptisms the end of Dec., 3 in number.)

On the 3rd of April the church at Las Piedras began to meet. This church receives my attention weekly. There are 6 members and it is close to Barquisimeto, about 20 miles.

Also during this year we established contact with some brethren in Acarigua that were members of an institutional church who were interested to learn what the differences were and we helped them with studies. The same month of August they decided to form a new congregation and began meeting on the 26th of that month. Because I am close to them I am frequently invited, although up until now it has been on Thursday or Friday. In the month of January they have invited to preach to them one Sunday. Acarigua is a very populated city and is 45 miles from Barquisimeto. These brethren are 8, 5 men and 3 women. I also have two other contacts there.

The priorities for this year are to go deeper into the work at Las Piedras, in Acarigua, and at Duaca, without neglecting the responsibilities in the local church. To this end I beg for your prayers. I am very thankful for your constant help, the support. I am happy for the participation you have in the Gospel with me, trusting that in path of this year our God will continue blessing us and making the word that we sow grow. A thousand thanks greetings again. My family greets you. May the Lord bless your work and confirm the work of our hands (Psa. 90:17)

Attentively your brother, Luis Perozo