

# REPORT FOR JANUARY 2006

February 7, 2006

May God bless you in this New Year. As always we trust this year will be better than the last one, with the Lord's help. This month we had two surprises—a good one for the whole church and a bad one for my family. Both of them occurred the same day, Sunday the 28th.

The good surprise was during the morning. We had the pleasant surprise to see 2 new souls added in this area: Sisters Isabel Ramirez and Ana Romero. They obeyed for very different reasons—the reason Sister Isabel obeyed was because of the death of her oldest daughter. She wanted to know what the condition of her daughter was now that she is no longer here. We talked about this and she realized the importance of being personally prepared for the coming of one's death. Ana came through the visits she has been making on Sunday (to the church) and the friendship she has with Brother Magin. We were all surprised that neither of them came through the door knocking or even personal Bible study.

The bad surprise came some hours later, between 12:30 and 6 PM. When my family and I returned from the baptisms and a chess competition we were met with the news that someone had forced open the front door and robbed our apartment. The children are still very uncomfortable with this, but they will soon overcome it. Thanks to God that nothing worse happened.

#### Contacts:

Actually the ones who have shown the most interest in studying the Word is a man named Tulio and a couple named Luis and Gladis Melendez. They have also come from the visits on Sunday and the contact they have with the brethren during the week. Luis and Gladis live in Guacara, about 15 minutes from Valencia. My wife and I visited them last Saturday and it was agreed that we would begin a Bible study every Saturday at 3 PM.

#### Sunday meetings:

During the past month we have not had Bible study and the brethren have manifested that they are not pleased with this situation. In truth I was glad, in a certain way, with their attitude. (They have not been attending for several months, so Gustavo discontinued them). This shows their interest in taking full advantage Sunday to learn, since we hardly see one another during the week.

#### Other activities:

The studies I have with Brother Jose Diaz (new preacher in Cagua) have turned out to be very positive. We have covered areas like, Homiletics, Hermeneutics, theology and personal growth. I have also taken advantage of my visit to share in the edification of the church in Cagua. I still have not started the studies on the home yet—what I have done is continue the studies on hermeneutics that Brother Jose had been sharing with them. He had to go to Barinas and I served as his replacement.

There has been much activity here, the brethren began the New Year somewhat excited and it is good to try and build on that. I would like you to pray for us here.

Your brother in Christ, Gustavo Moreno