

LUIS PEROZO 2006 REPORT

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Beloved brethren I greet you as brethren, sincerely wishing that you are well physically as also in the common faith of our Lord Jesus Christ. May the love, the grace, and the peace of God be with you, along with your families and the saints in your area.

Here we are good, thanks to God. My family and I are in good health and the things of the church are going well, doing the work that it should be doing, as it can. Our spiritual enthusiasm is also good, with plans and much optimism to continue serving our God in the ministry of the Word. The weather here is changeable, being tropical we only have 2 seasons—wet and dry, but as the weather is crazy, even though it is the dry season in the recent days it has rained 4 times and it is cold at one point in the day and hot in another.

Brethren I want to once again manifest my gratitude for your support and fellowship with me in the Gospel, which makes me a debtor and responsible in the work in the Lord's vineyard. Thank you for the part that makes my support possible, as well as thanks to God for brethren like you all.

Area of evangelism: I am content because I have plenty of work. In the city of Barquisimeto, there are 5 points where I have contacts: in a sector of the city called Ruezga Norte, 2 contacts—a lady named Moraima and a man whose name is Jacinto, they are 53 and 56 years old respectively. In the Jebe sector, in the Barrio Lindo neighborhood there are 3 contacts: Luis (44 yoa) and Yolanda (28), a couple and a man named Eligio who is 38 and has some knowledge of the Bible, as he was in a denomination before. In the area where I live (La Pastora) a man named Gabriel (58 yoa) is receptive to the Word, in the center of town, at the corner of 19th Ave. and 47th St., a man named Carlos (35 yoa) and in the Garabtal neighborhood, on the South part of the city a couple made up of Jaime and Libi, that hat recently agreed to study the Bible—before there were some obstacles, they are 28 and 24 years of age respectively. They want to know more about the areas of controversy (I think they may be from the liberal church there) so as to be able to place themselves more exactly in the way of the truth, 9 students in all.

Contacts in Duaca: a city about 20 miles from Barquisimeto; Nelson Garcia and Dilia, 56 and 54 years of age. Until now they are only listening, even though Nelson asks a lot of questions, they listen willingly. Tues. the 23rd we made a new effort at knocking doors and 3 women in different houses agreed to let us come visit and study with them, which will be done weekly on Tues. A brother accompanied me in this work. The women are: Yelitza (25 yoa), Rosa (50 yoa), and Maria (36 yoa). Taking advantage of this day to visit our sister Aracelis to edify here, there are 5 contacts in all.

Contacts in Acarigua: A lady named Teresa (60 yoa), a man named Fernando (60 yoa) live in the area called Los Camorucos, where Sister Virginia lives. The brethren there also have two contacts and since I am visiting them one day a week they have asked me to help in the visiting of these contacts, who are Nelson, a man who desires the Word of God and a lady named Sorelis, who is a sister in the flesh of a sister in the faith.

Contacts in Las Piedras: About 20 miles northeast of Barquisimeto, I recently secured 2 contacts there while door knocking with Sandra Rivas, Dayana. They will be attended when I go there, which is one day a week.

Preaching trips:

- Sunday the 8th, I was invited to preach in the church in Acarigua. I rejoiced greatly in the Lord, since this is the first time I was with them on a Sunday. I preached the sermon "The necessary things" and there were 9 brethren, 3 visiting brethren, 4 visitors and 4 children—we had a beautiful fellowship in the Lord.

- Sunday the 15th I preached in the church that meets in the Ruiz Pineda area, a small church that meets at 5 PM. There were 5 sister present as well as two brothers who came with me.

- Sunday the 22nd I visited the church in Biscucuy 125 miles from Barquisimeto and came back the same day. They appreciated my visit and are all well.

- Sunday the 29th I preached in Las Piedras, because it is absolutely necessary and needs our help. We met in the home of Brother Jose Guevara.

Edification activities in the local church:

2 Bible studies on the 1st & the 15th respectively.

2 sermons on the same days. A Bible study on Fri. the 13th, directed a prayer meeting on Wed. 4th, and attended all the prayer meetings on Wed.

I am meeting with the young men on Saturdays. The activity contemplates devotions, help with daily living for Christ, teaching for growth. They are content and so am I.

13 brethren agreed to help the church in Las Piedras evangelize on Sat. the 21st. We knocked doors and gave out tracts. The young men were active in this also. If the Lord wills, we plan to do this every 2 weeks until we have visited the whole town.

Children's classes: They are going well and the same number attend. Shortly we will put in a new teacher, as Sister Nolida has had some problems in doing it. Until now my daughter is the one teaching the classes.

Ladies class: The sister have resumed their classes and we hope that little by little more sisters will support these meetings with their presence and attendance.

Men's meeting: The brethren meet once a month to discuss the work of the local church, for plans for edification and to coordinate the help for the churches that ask us to visit them—mainly this is the churches in Quibor and Ruiz Pineda, at their request usually 2 or 3 Sunday afternoons a month. All the brethren work and so there is no other time they can meet.

On the 8th of Jan. a young man, Francisco Rodriguez, son of Brother Fidel Rodriguez, was baptized. That same day Sister Argenis Hernandez was restored, who had been unfaithful for 7 years. She seems to be very encouraged.

My plan of work is this:

Barquisimeto: 5 places to meet contacts, 9 in all. Two Sundays, two Wed. and two Fridays to preach and teach. Meet with the young men every Saturday.

Duaca: Dedicate one day per week (Tuesday) to study with the contacts and edify our sister.

Las Piedras: One day a week for evangelism (2 contacts) and edification to the brethren (Wed.)

Acarigua: One day a week for edification and to accompany the brethren with their contacts, which will be alternated—one week it will be Thursday and the next week Friday.

Two preaching trips each month at the invitation of the churches in: Biscucuy, Acarigua, Las Piedras, Maracaibo, or another.

Tentatively two visits each month to the churches of Ruiz Pineda and Quibor.

Two Saturdays a month to go out in a group and evangelize.

Brethren pray for my faith in this work, for my family and that the Word may run and be glorified. May the Lord bless you and prosper your work. My family sends their greetings.

Attentively, your brother Luis Perozo