

REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2007

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Brethren, once again it is a pleasure to write you and share with you our work in the ministry of the Word. I greet you lovingly, wishing you the best in bodily health and in spiritual blessings, along with your families and the brethren in your area. Here, we are well, thanks to God. My family is well and joins me in greeting you. The church is growing well, trusting in the blessings that our Lord continues to give us.

Brethren this is the report for December. It is also proper that I manifest as well my gratitude for your support, fellowship and participation with me in the Gospel of salvation.

Edification in the local church:

Sunday the 2nd I taught Bible class and preached

Wed. the 5th & 19th I conducted the prayer meeting and led singing.

Fri. 14, 21, 28 I taught the Bible class and led the songs
Of course I attended all the services, as well as the monthly business meeting.

As part of my work in the local church, it's important to detail that I am also having services in the homes of some of the members during the week, as well as in my own home. Mon. at 7 PM we have a meeting in the home of the Rodriguez family, where there are 3 Christians and 2 non-Christian visitors. On Wed., at 7:30 PM I visit in the home of Brother Juan Ramon Bracamonte, with his wife and 3 small children—they are unable to assist the Wed. night service. Then on Wed. & Fri. nights at 9 PM we have a devotional period in my home, with my wife and daughters, as well as another person who is living with us.

I have entered into a new phase with the young men I've talked about earlier, which requires more of them and they have improved and grown in the faith, since 3 of them are 18 years old and 1 is 17. What we are doing is the following: Whenever possible we meet for an hour to study, pray, and evaluate their "homework" and goals. If we can only meet once a month, we meet for 3 hours. I also want to inform you that Brother Hector Torin placed his membership with the church in Acarigua (2 or so hours away), beginning in Dec. (Hector has been working closely with Luis for a couple of years, to prepare himself to preach).

There are brethren who are aged and sick and so, much of the time; they are unable to meet with the church. I visit them because of this, as well as brethren who are weak—to encourage and exhort them. This month I visited 26 brethren in all.

Evangelism in the local area: Right now I am attending 16 persons who are interested in studying the Word. Most of them I meet in their homes, but 2 of them I meet on their job, in their "break" time—it is a little difficult, but it happens. Our Heavenly Father has opened these doors, which we credit wholly to prayer—I have been praying and I ask that you also pray with me in this matter. One of the contacts I studied with 3 times at his house and 6 times at the church building (each study lasted 2 hours) is very excited. These efforts resulted in benefit to his soul—he was baptized the 19th.

My contacts are scattered in different parts of the city.

Edification in other churches and visits to them.

On the 8th & 9th of December I visited with the El Gaitero church in Maracaibo and preached the Word on 3 occasions.

On the 16th I worked with the brethren in Biscucuy, as you know these brethren need constant help and really appreciated my visit.

On the 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th, Thur. afternoons, I build up the brethren in Las Piedras. Let me tell you that the two young men there—Ezequiel (16) and Junior (17) have both grown a lot. Their Father, Brother Jose is well. I continue "fighting" with his wife and 2 daughters—they want nothing to do with the sound doctrine, but I am praying for them and it is a question of time until they come to the Lord. I ask your prayers for them—the Mother's name is Alicia and Maria & Rocio are the daughters. Please brethren help me in prayer for this family—I trust the Father will also help us in this respect. There is a young man who is a friend of the sons who is attending and seems to be very excited. I gave him a Bible, his name is Jesus, pray for him also.

Evangelism in Duaca: Brethren in this month I had the pleasure to look after 9 in the visits I make there—usually on Saturdays and sometimes on Thurs. I have preached to many people there, but these are the ones who are interested: Nelson, Jesus, Jorge, Irma, Marlene, Amarilis, Maria Elena, Laura, and Maria Luisa. On the 27th I got two new contacts: Anders (25) and Migdalia (25). Please pray for all of them. The goal is to establish a church here. As usual, I also teach Sister Araceli, who lives there.

This is what I've been able to do with the help of our Heavenly Father, who produces in us the desire as well as the action of His good will. Thank you all for your contribution for this ministry. May God cover you with His blessings. That is all for now.

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P.S. On the 31st Brother Ali Bracamonte baptized his daughter Roxali, a young lady of 12. The effort to teach her was in the "childrens'" class taught by the young men and the teaching of her Father.

Saturday the 29th my daughter Yaritza had an appendectomy. Thanks to God, all went well and she is recuperating. Please pray for her, and for us.