

FEBRUARY 2008 REPORT

February 26, 2008

As the month of February draws to a close, so does our short winter. It was 93 degrees around 10:30 AM today, but has since backed down to 81. While I know Feb. is not quite over, I'm writing this report anyway. I trust you are all well. I'm okay but Dana is having a little trouble with her asthma, so please keep her in your prayers as she goes back to the States (IN & Atlanta) for 10 days.

We began the month with 10 days in Florida—in Tampa, at the Florida College Lectures, then a few days to see some friends in the Ft. Myers area, and finally a few days with our son Kai and his family in Port St. Lucie. We enjoyed our time in FL—it was good to see many friends, although we attended the funeral of a dear friend from St. Croix while there.

Ed called us on the 10th to say that he had baptized Bobby Rodriguez after about an hour discussion. Bobby is the son of a member of the English speaking church but lives with his Mother, Ann. Bobby has had some problems, but at 25, wants to make a new start. He and his Mom had been attending a Disciples of Christ near them and as he learned more he requested baptism. The "pastor" told him that would require him to take classes and that he couldn't even talk to him about the classes for 6-8 weeks. Shortly after that he was with his Father and they discussed this again, so he met with Ed for an hour after services Sun. morning and was baptized. He, his Mother, and 2 girls were present on the 17th, but missed last Sunday. Please pray for Bobby as he makes these changes. Ed and I are to study with him tomorrow.

Our other visitors continue to come almost every Sunday, with a few of them missing each Sunday, but back the next one. We are adjusting our worship to fit their needs—putting more of the Scriptures on the power point slides, singing from a pool of about 8 songs so they can learn them, handing out copies of the sermon outline for them to follow along, etc. Usually, if you have someone who doesn't know the Bible one of the older members helps them, but with 4 members and 15 visitors that doesn't work—On the 17th I preached and Ed was all over the auditorium helping different ones. We have been to most of their homes but did not find them there and have made appointments with several to study, but none of them have come off yet. We continue working with them and praying they will persevere to salvation—they're at the point that "God" is important, but not urgent, which is to me the most frustrating point. Please continue to remember them in your prayers also. We bought 20 song books just before our visitors came and were given 8 more, but with a few of them "going home", are awaiting the arrival of 40 more.

On the 24th Carmen Burgos worshipped with the English speaking church. Her parents were strong members of the Spanish speaking church but have recently passed on. She is a Christian but had fallen away. Sunday she told me "I was away, but now I'm back!" She works at night as a translator but does not work on Sunday, so promised to be back next week.

I continue to study with our next door neighbors, Amado and Yayi and that goes well. They have a beach apt. an hour away from here, where they spend almost every weekend. I'm trying to arrange that I'll preach at a small church near there one of these Sundays—I'll stay with Amado & Yayi on Sat. night, then "we'll" go to services.

Ed will be in Texas for a Gospel meeting from the 2nd-7th of March, then will fly to St. Croix on the 8th to begin a Gospel meeting there the next day. Dana is to speak at a Ladies "getaway" in Indiana the 29th & 30th then will spend a week with our daughter Kristi in Atlanta, returning home the 10th. I will leave for 10 days in Grenada on the 11th and return on the 20th. There will only be one Wed. night that neither Ed nor I will be here in all of this.

Brethren, thank you for your support, both financial and moral. We appreciate the e-mails, calls, and prayers. Please continue to remember us in your prayers as we work throughout the islands.

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