

Report for December 2008.
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“And he said unto them, **Go ye into the entire world, and preach the gospel to every creature**”
(Mark 16:15)

The Lord's work in Maracay (Evangelism):

The Lord's work in this city is going well. During these months I have been visiting the contact that I have through the Newspaper. I have some new contacts and I went to give them the Bible material. I hope and pray some of them have a good attitude to the truth, but most of the time, they only want to receive the Bible Course, however, through of these years some very few people have answered the invitation to follow Jesus. Also, the brethren in Maracay have been giving flyers to invite the people in this city to hear a series of lessons about: **“The messiah prophecies”** I will be teaching these lessons. We hope and pray some people come to our assemblies.

The Lord's work in Maracay (Edification):

This is my second work in this city with the local church. Also I have a special class for men of the church. We have been studying about “Our responsibility how mans of the church” I have been teaching about: How pray, How preach and How sing the Hymns in our assemblies. I can see how they have been growing and maturing. Now, the most of the brothers has been teaching and doing a very good service in the assemblies.

The Lord's work in San Juan (Evangelism):

About this work, my wife and I have been giving flyers in the bus station of this city. However in December, I had to go to the doctor and I had to take time for recovery of some illness and surgical treatment in my mouth. Thanks to the Lord I have been feeling better, and I began my work with better health.

The Lord's work in San Juan (Edification):

How you know, I preach every Sunday afternoon in our assemblies and I have been teaching every Friday about “The primitive church”. Also, I have Bible classes in members' home.

Work in the island of Margarita:

I want to let you know, I began to visit a group of Christians in this Island of Venezuela (North-East). This group of disciples began to worship in the house of our sister Yelitza. They were members of an Institutional church in the West of our country. Then, several Christians moved to this island and they began to worship the Lord. After a visit I did to them, I found a group of disciples prejudiced about me because I am a “false teacher” called Anti. Well, I began to study with them about several topics of the Bible and they understood the real situation about some churches of Christ. I told them, “You must to understand that the situation between churches is concerning to doctrine or human philosophy, you must to see what the Bible says”. Then, I received a call from a brother of this island and he told me that, they wanted that I visit again. I am thinking to go at end of January (Lord willing) I am thinking to invite a preacher that he lives closes to them.

Future plans in my work as a preacher of the Gospel:

I want to let you know, of course, after many prayers, meditation and ask advises to our brethren; my wife and I decided to consider to move to Mexico to work with the Lord's work in the city of Monterrey (**Lord willing**). We do not have a final decision in this moment, but we have been considering very seriously.

I want to tell you that, Monterrey is a very big metropolis. The population if this city is almost **8 million people**, and this is the third city of Mexico.

The Lord's work in this city has many years; however in the last years the Lord's work has been increasing and the churches has been death and closing their buildings. This is the case of one small church that closed their building and merged with other small church. Now they are a group of 25 members and they do not have a full time preacher. This is the local church of Camino real, in Guadalupe - Monterrey.

In this city, there are only 2 sound churches. There are several churches that have relationship with human institution. They have a very big school of preaching, “The Monterrey School of Preaching”; So, you can imagine what the influence is of this school between churches.

There are other 3 or 4 small sound churches, but these churches are far away of the city of Monterrey. For example: If you want to go from Camino Real to visit these churches, you need 1:30 or 2 hours to go. This is very distant between these churches. And the most of the brethren are poor people. Also, there is only one full time preacher in this big city and this man has not a very close relationship with the churches, this is very sad too.

The situation in these churches is very sad because you can see how they need spiritual help, to teaching them and encourage them to preach the Gospel. When I have been there, the brethren ask me: *“Brother Luis comes to help us, comes to work with us, and comes to support us”*. For example: When I was with one church, I encouraged them to preach the Gospel house to house knocking door and we did this work in the year of 2005. Then, they leaved to do this work, and when I went in 2007, I asked them if they keep this work and they told me: *“No, we only did when you were with us”*. ¿Can you see the need to be a sound gospel preacher in this city? If we go to Mexico, we will be working with the church in Camino Real and helping this second church in La Cantu – Monterrey. This is the downtown church and the second sound church in Monterrey. They are 17 members.

About the Lord’s work in Venezuela - San Juan, I want to let you know that a full time preacher called Anibal Oropeza comes to work with the church in San Juan. And about the Lord’s work in Maracay, a brother from USA called Eduardo Castro, comes to Venezuela to help and work with the church in Maracay. Also, there is a full time preacher that lives very close to the city of Maracay, and he has the will to come to help to the church. Also, there are several good brothers that are teaching and working. Let me tell you that, in Venezuela there are several full time preachers, in Mexico there are very few, and many of them are losing their support or are working in others jobs. In Monterrey there is only one sound full time preacher with a population of almost 8 million people. ¿Can you see the difference?

Also, is very important for me that you know, Monterrey is the first most costly city in Mexico. This city is in the list of 5 cities most costly in Latin America. For example: a place to live, you need pay

almost \$500 a month without count gas, water, electricity, medicine, food etc and etc. For these reasons, I want to ask you that consider all these things and keep my support if we decided to work in this big city. If we decide to go to Mexico, we are thinking to move in 2010 (Lord wiling). Thank you so much, and keep us in your prayers. Any question or comments are welcome.

Final words:

My beloved brethren, my wife and I want to tell you that we always give our thankful to the Lord for your love, sincere concern and support. How you know, this support makes possible to do this worthy work in this country and in some others places around the world. We began in this New Year and we are so rejoice because we count with you. Thank you so much and our Lord be blessing your soul.

We love you in Christ;
Luis, Susy and Ana Barros.