

**Church of Christ
Barcelona Venezuela
November/December 2016**

Dear Family:

We reached the end of 2016 with our hearts full of hope and also with new projects planned for 2017. We have emphasized in our ministry the preaching of the Gospel, and also supplying the basic needs (food) to the Christians of our church. Part of this has been accomplished through a donation from our brother Pedro Fidel Rodriguez. Our brother Guillermo Lenis is in charge of supervising the money in order to buy the food, and later Guillermo Lenis and I work together to make the delivery.

Baptism

We were able to baptize Carmen Caraucan, Carlos Blanca, Ronald Suarez, and we also had two members move to our church family from other congregations.

Christians that have passed away

Rufino Pereira (father of Brother Efrain Bello)
Celestino Gomez

Mens Meeting (for the state of Anzoategui)

This meeting took place at the property that our brother Efrain Bello owns. We studied the role of a leader. This was based on the book of Nehemiah. I had the blessing of being able to teach this class to my brothers.

Vigil

There was a prayer vigil for the young people throughout our state. 66 Christians were able to attend this gathering! This was helpful in helping our friendships and relationships grow.

Retreats

- The leaders travelled to the city of Maturin for a Men's Retreat
- This same weekend the ladies organized their last retreat of the year. This retreat took place in Casa de Dios (House of God) in the town of Piritu. At the retreat they had the blessing of having ladies from each of the following congregations: Guanta, Puerto La Cruz, Anaco, Piritu, Eneal, Tabera, Aragua de Barcelona, Las Charas, Mayorquin, Puerto La Cruz Paseo Colon, Clarines, and La Orguedia. There were almost 200 ladies in attendance! What a blessing!

In particular I give thanks to God to each of the ladies of the Church of Christ in the state for their help and cooperation. Everyone really pulled together to help this activity happen, even during times of crisis!

Cancer Ministry

We continue the ministry of bringing special attention to the ladies that have cancer.

- During this time we were able to share with them the gospel and pray with them, and hand out material.
- Delivery of basic needs (toiletries, Vaseline, lotion, cookies and fruit).
- Massages for their hands and feet
- We request that you keep on your prayer list the ladies that are helping this beautiful effort (Ingrid Tineo, Cristina Arcia, Carmen Mata, Elba Hernandez, Ana Guaiacara). Also, Mary Guillen and Carolina Salazar.

Year-End Celebration

Our year-end dinner was not the same as prior years. However, we did enjoy a year-end dinner! We prepared hallacas, ham bread, and salad. We also had different fruit arrangements that were homemade.

Children Gifts

We closed the year with a special activity that we began on December 23rd back in 1987! We continue to have this event each year with the help of God and also various Christians. In prior years we gave out toys. At this time we give out materials and food. We are also thankful for our neighbors that participated by donating fruit. This year we went to a very rural sector named Las Torres where 48 children were able to participate. We also went to our own neighborhood where we live and 150 children were able to participate.

Prayer Requests:

- For the spiritual strength of the church
- Please pray that we can actually plant the new churches in Onoto, Cantaura, and San Mateo
- For our families
- For the situation in our country
- For the economic strength of our missionary society. It is with the money from this missionary society that we are able to help some of our church leaders in the area. This ministry is sustained by small donations from various church members.
- For the workers....*Fields are white unto harvest!*
- For the ladies that help with the hospital and nursing home ministry
- For my physical and spiritual health

Dear Brothers, we are truly in great need of your prayers and your participation in our ministry.

In Christ Jesus,

David Guaicara