

God Continues to be Our Corner Stone!

What seem to be a defeat it, when we were asked to leave and clear out the property that we were renting, turn to be a song of victory. We welcomed 2011 with renew energy and new challenges to reach out and help individuals that are seeking to have a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Congregation: We close 2010 with 3 congregations. **Las Pintitas**, we have an average of 50 people worshipping every Sunday, at **El Quince** we have 30 people and **Agua Blanca/El Terrero** 15 people. By faith and trusting that God has called us to plan new churches; we started our third congregation at **La Purisima**. With enthusiasm and gratitude we have seen how the small group it's growing and now we have about 20 people participating.

New Believers, New Families and Baptisms: Six (6) believers are being disciple and prepared for baptisms. Two new families have been added to our congregation at Las Pintitas, whom we are being disciple and assist to come to the knowledge of our Lord. They are: Norma Rojas, Martha Olmos, Rene Carvajal, Rene Carvajal Olmos, Funy y Lucila (Picture).



Evening of Prayer and Evangelism: Last Friday of each month we have an evening of prayer and the following Saturday we have an evening of evangelism at different parks and city squares of the communities where we have congregations.



New Training for Pastors and Leaders:

Following the example of Paul, I have focused on training and mentoring new leaders/pastors. Brother Artemio Benavides and his family have stand out for their dedication and service and I have taken the opportunity to mentor and train them. Pray for brother Artemio, his wife Rocio and their two sons Zury (22 years old) and Daniel (18 years old) who reside at El Quince and are ministering to the needs of that congregation. Brother Artemio is learning little by little how to evangelize and reach others. The church Roca Fuerte is committed with brother Artemio Benavides and

his family to support them economically so that they may be able to minister in part-time bases and minister other communities. As church we have also decided to support him so that he can start taking classes at the Baptist Theological Seminary “Emmanuel”, starting next school term. Pray for brother Artemio and Rocio.

Vertical gardens, water for the thirsty, and women in action= The church in the streets.

We have joined these three initiatives to be able to have a bigger impact in our community. Women are mistreated, suffer physical and emotional abuse. Every day they face discrimination and they are being marginalized. Poverty, drug addiction, and prostitution are destroying our children, our families, our communities, and our city. We have developed



Juan and Jose listening to the message of love in the streets

diverse activities to support these individuals and their families. We are seeking to reach and serve women in their most basic needs. Children who have nothing to eat, we provide a warm meal and those who suffer from addictions; we provide support with professional and legal counseling. We channel those who need it most to receive assistance to various institutions and organizations.

The vertical gardens continue to produce, families from our church collect several bags of produce every week to assist those in need, and we have not lack water for the thirsty. Our final objective is that they many know Christ as their Savior.

Medical Convoy:

The last Saturday in February we had a medical convoy. We provided general medical assistance to 63 individuals and we gave 120 reading glasses to people who needed them. We will follow up with the different contacts that we made during this





activity.

On March 8th **Alejandro Rios**, pastor of the Iglesia Bautista Nazareth (Nazareth Baptist Church), went to be with the Lord. God has been good! His wife Indalisa and his four daughters have been supported by diverse churches. Sister Indalisa asked me to coordinate the funeral arrangements.

Emmanuel Baptist Association: Being the vice-president of the association has brought many opportunities to serve. Among them: **Pastors Retreat—May 2011.** I am responsible of the organization, planning, and development of the annual pastors and families retreat. It requires time, effort, and to encourage the pastors of our

association to take time and have a time of fellowship with other leaders or our association. Our goal is to have 30 pastors and leaders. **The Pan-American Games:** As the national coordinator I am responsible for the planning, organization, development and the coordination of other Conventions that are planning on participating. I have been busy coordinating all the efforts of churches and Conventions that will participate with us on October 2011. The National Baptist Convention of Brazil and the National Convention of Venezuela have accepted the challenge and will be with us in Guadalajara. The Texas Convention and the Greene County Baptist Association of Missouri will also be with us. Our main goal is: to saturate the city and its surroundings with the Good News.

Specific objectives for this activity are as follows:

- Share one million evangelistic flyers
- 100000 Gospel of John
- 50000 Battles of Water
- 10000 Disciple Lessons
- To unify the Baptist Churches for the task ahead

Thanksgiving

1. **Pray that God may give us the blessing of having 30 to 50 people in attendance in each of the congregations, which make up our church Iglesia Cristiana Bautista Roca Fuerte.**
2. **Pray that 30 pastors and leaders with their wives may participate in the Annual Pastors Retreat held in May of 2011.**
3. **Pray for brother Artemio Benavides, Rocio (his wife), Zury, and Daniel (his children).**

4. Pray for sister Indalisa Rios and her four daughters: Pricila, Milca, Alex and Edith. That God may give comfort, support and assurance as they deal with the dead of their father and spouse.
5. Pray for the leaders and pastors that God is calling among the congregations. Pray that God may open my eyes so that I may see them as He sees them.
6. Pray that God may call leaders from Roca Fuerte that may be full of passion and commitment to reach out to new families and form new congregations.
7. Pray for Miriam, my wife, whose health has been fragile. For Anneth and Carlos Omar, my children, who are actively involved in the ministry of our family among our community that God may protect and keep them faithful to him.
8. Pray for my family, that God may give us energy and strength to continue to minister not only to the people but to the new leaders and pastors.
9. Pray for me, that I may serve in love and that I may be an example of a true servant who is willing to serve others. That I may be a good counselor and mentor.
10. Pray that the Lord may provide a place where He would like for us to have a center of training and services for all the congregations that form part of our family of Iglesia Cristiana Bautista Roca Fuerte and a place where we can meet weekly to Celebrate. We have seen many options. Pray that God may lead us and direct us.

I could not finish this report without thanking you for your moral, spiritual, and economical support which you are giving me to be able to continue to serve the Lord in the mission and evangelistic work. I don't have words to express my gratitude. From the bottom of our heart my family and I say thanks, thanks for your support which enable us to serve the Lord with all our strength.

In His service until He comes in glory and majesty!
¡En Su servicio hasta que El venga en gloria y majestad!



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Omar, Miriam, Anneth, and Carlos Omar

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