

The GARCIA Family

GIVING DIRECTION TO THE *Lost* IN VENEZUELA



Health:

February / March

We are excited to report that the results from Erica's biopsies all came back negative; however, while prepping for her procedure, the doctor notice that her blood sugar levels were elevated. A few weeks later her doctor asked for labs to be done along with an A1C test to get a better idea of what her glucose was doing. Although the test results came back high her doctor is giving her 3 months to try to control her levels with diet and exercise before prescribing any new medication.

Florida:

What a blessing it has been to see old friends and visit churches in Florida that have been supporting our ministry over the past 15 years. We have also been encouraged through the great preaching at both the GIBF meeting and in the services we have been able to be a part of.

Back home / IBF

René and Tovar are doing a great job filling the pulpit taking care of Sunday School and mid-week services. We're so thankful for these 2 men and their willingness to step up and serve.



Missions conference:

Our favorite time of year at IBF is missions conference month. This year we had Pastor Enrique, Pastor Gabriel, and Pastor Oliver preach and present their works, and they did not disappoint. Erica and I had the privilege of teaching all 3 men and their now wives in the Bible Seminary during our first years in Venezuela. It is awesome to see how they have grown and how the Lord is using each of these families in a mighty way to reach Venezuelans for Christ.

Visitors:

One of the things that we look forward to every week is getting a report from Bro. Rene, letting us

know how services were and who was in attendance. We were overwhelmed to hear that 4 visitors that have attended on different occasions these past months. In particular, we are excited about Roy, a 28 year old young man, who has not missed a service since late February. I have been communicating with him every week answering his questions and explaining why we do things the way we do and where we stand doctrinally on key issues. He has taken it all in and we are praying for him.

Ladies conference / car problems:

The last week of March our ladies were invited to attend a conference at the coastal church of the Sword Baptist Church. 12 of our ladies packed into the church van and headed down the mountain, despite the van breaking down on the way there, they still made it on time and received encouragement through great Bible teaching. The following week we had the van towed back up the mountain and we are praying to get it running soon as our church bus is also having some mechanical problems.



Prayer Request:

- Wisdom on when to return to our work.
- Wisdom as we guide the church from afar.
- For the visitors that have been attending our church.
- That we can get the church vehicles running again.
- Erica's health.