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*"I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."  
Matthew 16:18*



## SCC Holds Ministry Fair in July

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In July, Siempre Con Cristo held its first ever ministry fair. We would like to see all of our members to be serving in at least one of the church's many ministries. But not everyone was aware of all the opportunities available to them.

into the SCC community. Some are new converts and some are believers from other churches. To get everyone on the same page, we asked all of our leaders to present their ministry to the church during a Ministry Fair. We also preached and sang songs with a focus on serving



Some of the folks at SCC really went all out in presenting for the Ministry Fair. Left: Some of the SCC ladies present a variety of ministries including the "Alfa & Omega" choreography ministry. Right: Dangelo and I went with a simpler approach. Banner-photo: A presentation for the "Nueva Vida" new believer class.



Jesus and his church.

Thank you to all of you who serve Jesus by praying for and giving to my work here in Venezuela.

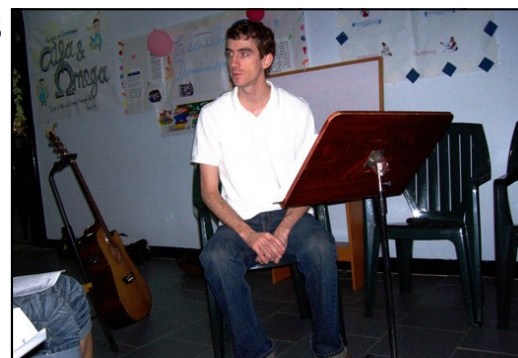
With Joy in Christ,

Sam

In a little over year, SCC has lost four or five important leaders due to relocation, illness, and morality issues. As a result, we have also seen a decent amount of turnover in our membership. While some people have left, others have come

## Philippians Class Ends

On August 18, I finished my 13-week preaching series on the book of Philippians. I for one was immensely blessed by studying Paul's letter from prison. I can only hope that the same was true for my hearers since I still need to improve as a preacher! As we say here: "poco a poco"



## Robbed In August

I was robbed in Caracas on August 8. My visa was about to expire and I needed to get out of Venezuela. With funds tight, I decided to take a bus to Colombia, which I had done on two previous occasions to renew my visa. To get to the bus station, I had to walk from the La Bandera metro station to the La Bandera bus terminal. That part of Caracas is notoriously dangerous part of the city where thugs routinely rob travelers as they come and go from the terminal loaded with luggage. My third time through there was not charmed.

What little I had with me at the time was taken by three thugs on motorcycles who spotted this tall white traveler. They made off with my bilingual Bible, my seminary textbook on Paul's letters, my mp3 player, my wallet and some other personal items. Worst of all they took my passport.

It has been a real inconvenience getting my documents back in order, but praise God that I have been able to replace all essential items. All things considered, it could have been a lot, lot worse.

Maybe it was God trying to teach me something, or maybe it was God demonstrating his sense of humor, but three days later I was preaching from Philippians 4:10-13. The title: Joy in Poverty.

## Miscellaneous

- I finished my first year at Bethel Seminary in August. Over the summer my one class was on Acts and the Pauline Letters which coordinated well with my preaching on Paul's letter to the Philippians.
- Internet was back online at SCC by August.
- My current exchange rate has improved. Big Mac Meals are back to about \$5 instead of \$9 (FYI: I rarely eat at McDonalds. I just use Big Macs to illustrate the price of an international commodity.)

## A Word From The Prez



The hundreds of missionaries who serve full-time with Team Expansion all have one vision in common: They are transforming communities by planting churches among the unreached. They help abused children, battered mothers, and disadvantaged families. They place AIDs orphans in homes with loving caregivers, then track their progress to make sure everything goes smoothly. They drill wells for fresh water then turn around and tell about Living Water. They teach sanitation and hygiene, help villagers care for horses, and outfit impoverished families with goat herds. They provide disaster relief, education, leadership training, and job enrichment. And all the while, they not only share about the Good News of Jesus Christ, they also seek to initiate and nurture church-planting movements. Why? Because the church can and will be present over the long haul, giving hope and help to each community. They carry out all these acts of kindness in places where people least know about Jesus Christ. Because that's Team Expansion's knitting. That's what Team Expansion does. And because you help make it happen, that's what you do too. Thank you for lifting up the fallen. Thank you for your gift to God through Team Expansion.

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## Prayer/Praise Points

- ◆ **Praise** for the SCC Ministry Fair in July.
- ◆ **Pray** that all at SCC would be filled with a passion to serve Jesus and his church.
- ◆ **Praise** that no one was hurt when I was robbed in August, that I did not lose more than I did, and that I was able to replace all essential items quickly.
- ◆ **Pray** for the safety of all of us living and working in Venezuela as my robbery was by no means a rare occurrence.

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