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

Siempre Con Cristo Men's Ministry Grows

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The longer I am in ministry, the more I am aware of the great need for dedicated, responsible, godly men to lead the church. We have always worked hard to reach men for Christ but it has only been in the last 18 months that we have seen significant fruit in this regard. As a result, our monthly men's group meetings are well attended and edifying.

In March we were pleased to welcome a few visitors to our men's meeting including Armando, the father of one of our youth workers. Armando had been without employment since October of last year. When we split up into small groups for prayer, Armando, though not a Christian, asked that the other men pray for his employment. Days later, Armando received a job as a security



Marino speaks to the SCC Men's Group in March. About 20 to 25 men are attending our once-monthly, Saturday gatherings.



Marino (see last month's newsletter) has been in Siempre Con Cristo for a little over a year now and he is beginning to teach and minister God's Word. For our March Men's Group, Marino taught a lesson on marital fidelity. Marino needs to grow in his understanding of the Scriptures (who doesn't!), but he is well respected by the other men in the church which gives him credibility as he teaches. A woman in SCC who recently had surgery testified to how God had ministered to her when Marino went to visit her in the hospital.

guard in Caracas. He gave the credit to God and even testified about it with some other non-Christian family members. He has yet to give his life to Christ but we are encouraged by his response. Considering Armando has been critical of the church in the past, it is truly a work of God that he even participated in the Bible Study in the first place. Please pray that he would not harden his heart as God continues to call him to salvation in Jesus Christ.

With Joy in Christ,
Samuel and Hilda



As part of our team’s mission to plant 120 churches in and out of Venezuela by the year 2020, Siempre Con Cristo has the goal of beginning one new church plant this year. We are beginning the entire process with prayer, asking people to pray daily for God to open doors. Currently we are considering the city of Charallave (*chah-dah-YAH-veh*), located about 20 minutes from Cúa. Founded in 1681, it has an estimated population of 130,000 residents. A young couple from another of Team Expansion’s churches lives in Charallave and we hope to partner with them to evangelize their neighborhood.

Extraordinary prayer is one of the principal ingredients



Above: On the road to Cua via Charallave. Front-page banner photo: A panoramic view of Charallave. Charallave is slightly larger than Cua in terms of population and development and to it belong the two train stops in-between Cua and Caracas. It is an important city in Los Valles Del Tuy and, thus, an important city for the Church.

to getting a new church started and we need you to be involved. Please pray for God to raise up a team from within SCC. Pray that hearts would be prepared to receive the Gospel. Pray that God would guide our strategy and planning. Pray that we would be dedicated and diligent. Pray that He would receive all the glory.

A Word From The Prez



Dear Friend of the Great Commission, When friends ask my wife if she worries when I travel overseas, she explains, “Not really. When Doug’s traveling, more people are praying for him than at any other time, so I figure he’s safer than ever.” Likewise, when you lift up the needs of your favorite Team Expansion missionary, you not only put at ease that worker’s family members and friends, but you also speed along the progress of the gospel. Paul wrote to the Colossians (from prison, interestingly enough), “Pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may pro-claim it clearly, as I should.” These words are engraved on the chimney of a unique double-sided fireplace in the Fern Creek Christian Church Prayer Pavilion here at Emerald Hills. We thank you for bringing them to life for your favorite worker. And thank you for your support of Team Expansion’s global vision of transforming communities among the unreached by planting biblical churches.

Doug Lucas
President, Team Expansion

Prayer/Praise Points

- ◆ Praise for the growth in the Siempre Con Cristo Men’s Ministry.
- ◆ Pray that men who are now coming to SCC would grow to be effective Christian leaders.
- ◆ Pray for SCC’s plans to plant a new church in 2011.
- ◆ Pray for 120 new church inside and out of Venezuela by the year 2020.

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