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Dear Praying Friends,

Psalm 37:23 states, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way." Salmo 37:23 dice, "Por Jehova son ordenados los pasos del hombre, y El aprueba su camino."

I stand amazed at how God has worked in our lives in these past months. Since our pastor decided that we needed to return to raise support, God has supplied every need and shown Himself strong in our behalf. In Puerto Rico, God sent a godly man, Bro. Manny Rodriguez, to take over the work at Mount Calvary Baptist Church. I just talked with him and he has reported that they are in revival services, have seen four professions of faith and a new family has joined the church. Also, several singles have returned that once attended in their teen years. Praise the Lord! Also, money had been given to put a roof on the building project for new Sunday School rooms, and they have placed the rebars and the wooden forms to pour the concrete. In these next few weeks, the concrete will be poured and they will be able to plan for windows, doors, and tiling. They are knocking down the roof of the baptistery so that they can put a full roof on the entire back of the church.

In Venezuela, Bro. Luis Quilarque took my place four years ago. He just sent us an email with photos from their Anniversary Sunday and the church has doubled in size! It is so exciting to see the new families that have been added and that the dear families that we left have remained faithful in this church! The opportunity has risen that they could purchase the building that has been the church building since the church was established in 2004 for about \$60,000 US dollars. We are praying that God will provide the finances to be able to purchase this building for the only fundamental Baptist church in Guacara, Venezuela. They use half of the building right now, but with the purchase, it would provide double the size of building. We praise the Lord for the work He is doing.

The second week of June we returned from Puerto Rico in order to raise the finances for the purpose of starting an independent, fundamental Baptist church in Barceloneta, Puerto Rico. There is not one independent Baptist church in that city. We are also at 65% of the support level that we need. Though these are trying times economically, we know that God can provide for all our needs. Since we have returned, we have been in two vacation Bible schools, one missions conference, and another revival meeting. In the last VBS I had six boys come to know Christ as Savior, Kathy had three girls, and Kathy was also able to lead another lady to the Lord who has been baptized and growing in the Lord in these last few weeks. We praise the Lord for the privilege to serve Him no matter where we are.

Our prayer desires are that God would provide the needed support to return to Puerto Rico and start a work in Barceloneta, for about \$10,000 to finish the rear building in Jayuya, PR, for about \$60,000 for the purchase of the property in Guacara, Venezuela, and more than ever, more souls for the Savior. We thank each of you for your prayers and support as we seek to serve Him more diligently in this year.

Alaba al Senor, (Praise the Lord)
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