

Venezuela Missions Newsletter

August 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

We are deeply sorry for not writing sooner, we have been so busy working in the field that time just flies by. We hope to write at least every 6 months but this time has been longer. We continue to serve our Deaf Missions in Venezuela, we've now been here since 1987. Our God is very good to us. Praise the Lord!

A lot has happened in the past year, here are a few highlights:

Last September, we had our car stolen right from the secured church parking lot. We now only have one car, and its been fine, but we will eventually need to buy another car. Unfortunately, the car wasn't insured for theft so we weren't able to recover anything. It was very stressful but God has a good reason why these things happen.

Last January, we went to Puerto La Cruz (4 hour drive from Caracas) for the Assemblies of God National Convention and they confirmed and approved our Deaf ministry as SADVEN (Sordos Asambleas de Dios Venezuela) nationwide among our 6 deaf churches and 8 missions all under one name.

As some of you may know, my mother is in a very delicate state. Her Alzheimer's is very much in the advanced stages, and has been admitted to the hospital twice since April for a urinary infection and instable glucose levels. She is diabetic so everything is a bit more complicated. Each time, the doctors would tell us she wouldn't survive, but miraculously she does and then stabilizes. She is not in a good state and has no quality of life, especially after suffering a stroke just recently. This has been very straining for us trying to balance the deaf ministry and her care. We are praying for the Lord to take her home soon and she will no longer suffer anymore. Please pray for her.

I attended the NF Deaf Convention in St. Paul, Minnesota this past June and it was very nice to fellowship and learn from the other pastors, leaders and deaf community there. From there I traveled to Los Angeles, CA where I have been able to visit with other churches and spread the word on what is going on with the Venezuela Missions. I was also able to go to the Deaf Nation Expo in Las Vegas for 4 days and spend time with teams from Deaf Ministries Worldwide. It was a great experience.

We will be planning a Deaf camp in Barquisimeto on September 16-19, and will have deaf come from all over the country and even from Colombia and Brazil. We are very excited for this time to come together and learn, worship and fellowship with each other.

Rev. Ojeda and I are planning to go to Brazil this December to help prepare and set up the new National Bible Institute for the Deaf. There are over 4,700 deaf in Brazil who have been baptized and members of the Assembly of God in Brazil. There are 45 deaf churches and 500 deaf interpreters without any leaders or pastors 55 Deaf students will

start their training in December. We will have 7 of our deaf congregation go to Brazil to enroll in this new Bible Institute. They have no financial support and need funds to get there. It is so important for us to be able to help them go and get the training for leadership and potentially go on to lead churches around Venezuela. We need your financial support to help them get there! Please pray for their success and endurance. God has been so good to all the countries in South America. Praise the Lord!

As I mentioned before, now more than ever, we need your financial support. Venezuela has been hard hit with inflation (over 30% just this year) and so many deaf are still out of jobs, crime is worse and worse each day. We have been supporting our deaf for years with our own money since we have lost over 90% of our missions support.

Please help support us in this ministry, your donation goes a long way here. We know how hard it is to give especially now with the economic recession, but the Lord will bless you enormously if you give with a generous heart.

Please send your tax deductible donation to:

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Thank you again for helping us in this dire time of need. We truly appreciate all your love and prayers for us.

With love in Christ,

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