

the Arce Family NEWSLETTER

3RD GENERATION MISSIONARIES TO VENEZUELA



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"Solid Foundations Hold Everything"

When we arrived in Venezuela in 2007 with a 6-month-old girl (full of youth, energy and many expectations in theories of what the Church Planting Process would be), we did everything. Some theories put into practice were not as fruitful as we imagined because of our inexperience. However, other methods that they taught us, positively impacted the lives of many, who today are faithful believers and walking testimonies of God's mercy and restorative power.

As we start a second church, we are extremely convinced of the importance of Christ being preached and the example of Him lived day by day. We are convinced of the value of new believers being baptized and disciplined, so that their minds and hearts are trained with biblical truths that help them experience a change of life in Christ.

So far this year we have assisted couples in marriage counseling and it has been a blessing to see them much more united, much more aware of their role, and deeply thirsty to know more about the Bible. They are amazed at what God does when we go from being hearers to being doers.

God is opening doors in the outreach to schools in the city, allowing us to serve children and teachers. We now have a door that allows us to reach parents as well.

Exercising patience is something that is always needful in the life of every believer. For example, we are presently waiting on God's confirmation to buy property for this new work. God, in his providence, has provided us with funds for the purchase, however it is not enough to acquire the property that we saw in November. While waiting we have seen different properties that will allow us to

build the church from scratch, instead of remodeling an existing structure (which in the long run can be more complicated and expensive).

It has been a joy seeing two Bible studies that are already working and growing in two different areas. People in search of God are welcome, believers are growing in faith, and we are serving God by making use of the gifts and talents given by Him.

While we work on the foundation for this new church, and as God exercises patience in us, we continue preaching, visiting, baptizing, discipling and loving all of our people - children, youth, adults, couples, and families whose lives and testimonies will be instruments for the glory of God. May God, in His time, allow us to buy and build a place where Christ is announced and His Word is taught!

Loving God... Loving others *Nathan Arce*

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