

WORLD MISSION FROM SOUTH FLORIDA

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Talking about leadership is a very receptive idea for a seminar here in South Florida. Most of the problems that churches are facing here are attributed to the lack of knowledge in leadership. The Hispanic churches here in South Florida have a great desire to grow, but that is not enough to acquire a real and sustain growth. Few years ago, I have been studying the way Spanish churches understand leadership. For that reason, I just began serving several churches in this area to find their vision, goals as they are committing their leaders to a program that I call CTP (Congregational Training Program). Every member of a church has a circle of growth where he or she will respond to his church according to his/her level of growth. Three things can be measured: **The problem** (Identifying the problem that stops or is not allowing that person to grow more in the Lord), **the Message** (based on the problem we can identify in what stage of growth that person is and present the right message for him/her), **The goals** (we expect that when someone is able to identify his/her own problems and receives Bible lessons/messages that can help in that matter, he/she are taught to prepare to focus on the goals he or she needs to achieve in order to get in to the next stage of growth). I strongly believe that if we can begin with the “leaders”, then the leaders will bring this teaching to the rest of the members, and through this we will really be building congregations up. Of course, this program will take time and patience, but it will be worth it. Right now, I have being doing this at West Broward Spanish church. I also have couple of congregations that are interested in this program too. I can imagine how Paul, Timothy, Titus as well as other missionaries were able to develop a church growth program that helped many congregations back to their time. Please, pray that the Lord helps us to continue with this vision and bring the results for his glory.

Leadership Seminar at Flagler:

The 4th of July was a very special day for celebration at the Flagler Church of Christ (Spanish). They organized a meeting for the whole church. About 60 adults and some children were present for that activity. I had the privilege to teach a two hour seminar on leadership. After that, they were interested in continuing more classes and a plan to grow.

West Palm Beach:

This congregation has a Spanish group who is interested in growing. Their leaders asked me to go to West Palm Church once a month so I can teach them more about church growth. This is something that I will write on my regular schedule each month.

Nicaragua Trip:

The church from San Jose Church of Christ in Jacksonville, Florida was conducting a medical and evangelistic campaign in city of Momotombo, Nicaragua. This city doesn't have pavement roads. They have bad water which is one of the reasons for the amount of kidney diseases that there are and worms as well as other complaints they manifested during our medical campaign. We were able to witness over 1,000 people who received medical attention in less than three days. 11 people were added to the body of Christ. Around 350 people came to watch the movie "Jesus" in Spanish. We fed families that came to our meetings with one pound of rice and beans. We gave cookies, notebooks, pencils, toys, and clothes to about 150 children. I have never seen so many children coming together for a movie presentation. And I will never forget their smile as they received their gifts. About 34 Bibles were given away during our meeting. After all, as we saw so much misery we could feel that what we did for them wasn't enough, but the most important thing is that the Gospel of Christ was preached to as many as we could and God was glorified among them. Hope the pictures below will give you an idea of what we experienced there. God is so good.



Arriving at the Managua airport



Loading the trucks



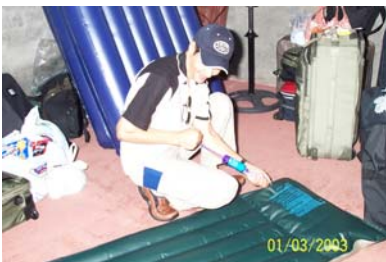
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Very country roads



Organizing the medical supplies & Bibles



Getting ready to sleep on floor



The shower place



Our Restroom



The Baptistry



A 20 minute class before
Medical attention



One of our Doctors



Our Dentist



The drug store



Doctors & translators

Evangelistic Campaign:



Baptisms: Carlos, the Momotombo preacher, is baptizing one precious soul



Food Distribution:



Time to go



Behind is the Momotombo Volcano which destroyed the city some years ago.