

Dear Friend

Hi! Greetings again from Caracas :). I hope you and your family are doing well!!! :). Well, October is almost over and it's amazing to see how fast this year has gone by! It's being about eight weeks since I wrote my last newsletter and there's a lot that have taken place, so I will try to share with you some of the highlights of these past weeks ...

Carapita – Vida Nueva church – I praise God because the Carapita church Vida Nueva celebrated its 25th anniversary. They worked hard painting and redecorating the church for this special occasion and with great joy they held a wonderful celebration during the second week of September.



Special Sunday service - Pastor Lugo ministering to a new believer - Great lunch and fellowship time on Sunday

I also give thanks to God because with the new school year we were able to start again (with new strength) the work with the children. God added three new volunteers so we are able to do a better job and we are excited about it! I was also able to finish our Harvest BASIC training with a group of 12 believers and I'm happy to see that most of them are already sharing the lessons with some people. I appreciate your prayers for God's guidance concerning the best way to continue supporting pastor Lugo and these believers in their discipleship and church community outreach!

DNA Training - During September 18-24 I was in Anaco, doing an intensive week teaching at a missionary school coordinated by the Baptist church. The group was small (only 9 people and 1 staff), but they were so receptive to the teaching and so eager to learn that I believe they will give great fruits! I praise God for the opportunity to share with them what He has given us at harvest and DNA!



Small group presenting their cultural analysis on Machismo - Great group! They all will make great missionaries!

Network: We held two big activities coordinated by our pastors association, in unity with many other pastors and churches in Venezuela. On Sept 16 we had a united Vigil (all night prayer meetings) at a national stadium. Near 20 thousand believers were there! At the same time it was really a blessing to have thousands of believers gathered all night, praying for our nation in many cities of the country.



Vigil (all night prayer meeting) at stadium in Caracas



It was an amazing event! God's Spirit was there!!!

Then this past Oct 12 we celebrated our March for Jesus. During the march the main avenues of our main cities were full of believers singing with joy, praying for Venezuela and proclaiming JESUS as Lord of our nation. Both activities were great expression of the unity of the church and I believe God was pleased and He will answer our prayers!



The other main activity that took a lot of my time was my DINA studies. You may remember I shared with you that I'm part of a group that is going through a study program on Wholistic Development for Children and Teenagers (DINA in Spanish). This is coordinated by the Baptist Seminary, Compassion and our Children's Network, with the purpose to train church's leaders for the building up of the new generation. Well, I had to work hard finishing my readings and home-works and we met for two days (Oct 14-15) to close our second term and begin the third one. It was a good time and we are happy with all what we are learning (Group picture on the right). Now, we are preparing for our first theological consultation on Church and Childhood, to be held on Nov. 3-5. We realized that the church in Venezuela is very weak in children's ministry and the main reason is because we don't have the correct Biblical theology for children. This activity is coordinated by our Children Network, with the purpose to prepare a biblical framework, vision and strategies for the church's work with children and teenagers. The challenge is to rise up this new generation of young believer! Please, be praying for this theological consultation!



Concerning me and my family: Thanks again for all your prayers for me and my family. I'm doing well but I have had many car problems these past six weeks. First, my car started to sound like a jet, so I had to change the muffler; then I had problems to exchange gears and it was necessary to change another important /expensive part. After that I almost crashed into another car when my car suddenly lost the brakes. It happened that the tube that conveys the brake fluid broke. Well, it was a miracle that my car stopped just before hitting the car in front! Finally, coming back from the DINA activity, my car overheated and also presented an electrical problem which forced me to come back to Caracas using a hoisting machine for my car. My car is still in the mechanic shop since it has problems with the car computer and also with the engine. This looks like very serious and expensive damage. Your prayers for my car are appreciated and also for the financial provision to fix it!

Thanks to God all my family members are doing well, and this Oct we celebrated the birthdays of Darimar (19 years old) and Jesus Daniel (17 years old). When we get together and I look at my nieces and nephews I'm confronted not just with the fact that I'm getting old, but also with the reality that they are a new generation, and it is not always easy to communicate with them, even when they are great kids! Lord, help us! I continue asking your prayers for my brother Reinaldo and his business. Please, keep praying the God may continue drawing my family close to Him!

Prayer Request ...

1. For The Theological Consultation in Valencia on Church and Childhood this Nov. 3-5.
2. For the repairmen of my car and the finances needed for that!
3. This month of Nov. I hope to go back to my ear-nose specialist for another check up, also to the dentist and the bone doctor since I have some problem with my back and knees!
4. For pastor Lugo, the Carapita church, children ministry, and the pastors in Antimano.
5. For my family, that each one of them may grow closer to the Lord.
6. For God's direction on my ministry work. That I may rest more on Him!!!

Dear friend: Thanks again for your prayers for me and my family and all your support! I pray that God's grace, love and power may be with you every day! May God bless you, your family and all the work of your hand in special ways today and in the days to come! With love,

Xiomara

Note: At our Harvest office advised us to include this note in case you feel led to contribute to the ministry ...

If you'd like to contribute with this ministry, please make checks payable to Harvest and send to PO Box 2670, Phoenix, AZ 85002, or donate online using your credit card (www.harvestfoundation.org> donate). Include a note with the check or a comment on the website comment box, designating the funds to "Xiomara Suarez or harvest Venezuela". All contributions are tax deductible. Thank you for your participation!