

The GARCIA Family

GIVING DIRECTION TO THE *Lost* IN VENEZUELA



Senior Camp:

Despite all the chaos in the country, we give God the glory for allowing this year's Senior Camp to take place. The first week of September more than 100 young people (senior high and college age) from various churches in Venezuela gathered to hear God's Word and be challenged. We received reports of many decisions being made and even some being saved!

Blessings come when we are Faithful:

We are so proud of Maria Castro, a young lady from our church, who has surrendered her life to full time ministry and will be starting her first semester of the Bible college this month. She has been with us since she was 6 and she has seen her fair share of trials and hardships due to an unstable home life in which she was raised, but by God's grace she has persevered and is following His will for her life. Please pray for her as she starts this new chapter.

VBS:

Although the unrest in August caused us to postpone and modify our plans, we are thankful that we were able to still host our VBS. This year's theme was "Champions for Christ," and included two kid's teams and one adult team. The event took



place the first 2 Saturdays and 2 Sundays of September, allowing for a different dynamic in which the children's parents were not only encouraged to attend, but also to participate. God blessed the hard work accomplished by our people with visitors, new contacts and at least 1 soul saved.

Political Situation:

With several reports of the unrest declining and things getting back to "normal" in Venezuela, we felt that it was time to return. We purchased our tickets and began making our last arrangements to travel on the 24th of September; however, a few days before our departure, hostility towards foreigners and those coming from the U.S. rose again, making it unsafe for us to reenter the country. After much prayer and counsel from several national pastors, our sending pastor, and several supporting pastors, all who unanimously advised us **not to travel**, and strongly encouraged us **not to go back at this time**, we have decided to spend the remainder of 2024 in the U.S.

Our plan during the next few months:

- 1) Stay involved and in touch with our people in Venezuela.
- 2) I, Hector, will be visiting a GI specialist as I have been having some stomach issues.
- 3) We plan to visit several churches that have asked us to stop by and give a report during the month of October.
- 4) We plan to be in Oklahoma by November.

Prayer Request:

- For wisdom on when to return to Venezuela.
- Safety for our people and ministry in El Junquito.
- Safety on the road as we report to supporting churches.
- Upcoming events at LBC:
 - Friend Day, October 27th
 - Family Emphasis Month in November

Your Missionaries,

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