



The Melendez Family on Mission

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12)

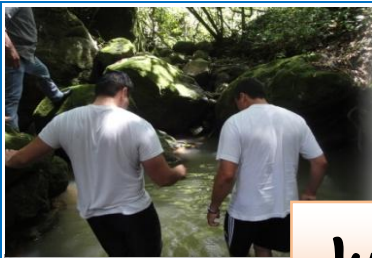


We're Hanging in There!

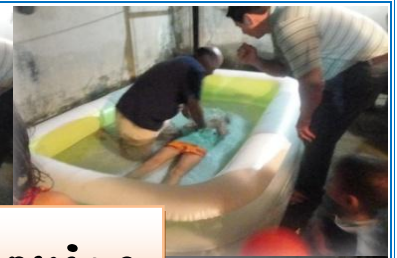
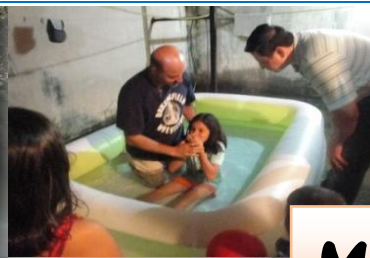


The month of June was full of many blessings, fun, and work, but above all perseverance and steadiness in fulfilling the Lord's work here in Palmares. I remember being in Lubbock, Texas, at the Sunset International Bible Institute, and one of my instructors, Ed Wharton, always told us to “Hang in there!” to encourage us to persevere and remain steady. As we persevere and remain steady in preaching the Gospel, Ed's words come back to me because I feel that, in order to reach our goal, we have to keep hanging in there, especially so that others may know eternal life is available in Christ Jesus. Please continue to pray for us and for the Church of Christ in Palmares! Your prayers are very important to us!





Juan

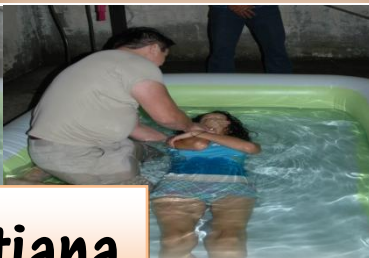


Monica

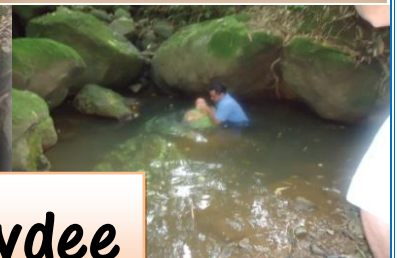
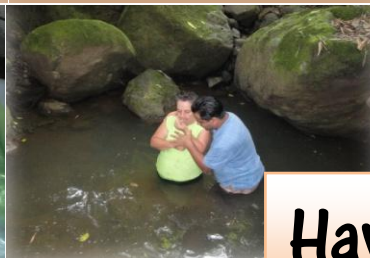


We met Juan through one of our church members, and we have been studying the Bible with him for several weeks. Juan has shown a sincere desire to know the will of God. One Sunday morning, after the hymn of invitation, he decided to give himself over to God. He stood in front of the congregation and asked to be baptized for his sins to be forgiven. On July 3rd he was baptized into the possession of Jesus Christ.

Monica is eleven years old and is the daughter of Juan, who was baptized on July 3rd. We held gospel meetings in July, and one of the preachers of the Word was Ron Nickell from our sponsoring congregation. Ron held a Bible study session with Monica and her mother and sister, after which Monica chose to obey the Gospel and asked to be baptized. On July 20th, Ron baptized her in the name of Jesus Christ.



Tatiana



Haydee



Tatiana is the daughter of members of the church and has been attending church for several months. During the gospel meetings in July, Tatiana participated and had the opportunity to hear the three presentations on the Word of God regarding the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. On the evening of July 21st, Tatiana came to the front of the congregation to confess her faith in Christ Jesus and to be baptized.

Haydee is one of the first persons we met in Palmares. She has been attending our church services since the first day we opened our meeting place to the public. On July 23rd, Haydee phoned us and expressed her desire to be baptized. She explained that she wanted to be baptized with the conviction that she has now, because as a young girl she was baptized under another religion and did not understand its significance.

Partners in the Field



Our sponsoring congregation sent a team of ten persons to help us with the work. Two of them arrived on July 5th. The rest arrived on July 14th and all stayed until the 22nd. While they were here, we held a series of activities at the church in order to strengthen and encourage our members and also to win new souls for Christ. On Saturday the 9th there was a cake-making class, and a Ladies' Day on the following Saturday. On Sunday the 17th there was a youth activity in the afternoon and, that same evening, a dinner shared by the congregation and the team. Then we held gospel meetings on Tuesday the 19th, Wednesday the 20th, and Thursday the 21st.

We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for the hard work put forth by Marshall and Melissa, Bill and Judy, Ian and Ron, Clay and Victoria, and Carlie and Aubrey. We also wish to thank Westside Church of Christ for their companionship in the Gospel. We also thank the other churches and individuals from Texas who support us financially, pray for us, and encourage us to keep teaching the Good News of salvation. Thank you all! May God bless you abundantly!

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