

Together Venezuela

Church planting with Samuel Schutz

CARACAS, VENEZUELA
CÚA, VENEZUELA

Safety Concerns Lead To Extended US Stay

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On December 11, I will fly to the U.S. for my next visa renewal trip. As in August, the trip will accomplish many things:

- 1) I will renew my Venezuelan tourist visa;
- 2) I will contact supporters about 2007 partnership;
- 3) I will work, all money earned going to the mission, more than paying for trip costs.

Throughout 2006, and increasingly in recent months, my personal safety has been endangered while using Venezuelan public transportation. To date I have been:

- Robbed (once)
- Threatened with my life (twice)
- Stranded along a busy highway for an hour after my bus broke down (once, we hitchhiked a van carrying a soccer team to Cúa)
- Caught in a bar brawl (once, while waiting in line for bus outside bar)
- Showered in broken glass (once, while boarding a bus an angry passenger threw a stone at the driver through the passenger side window)
- Verbally accosted (dozens of times)
- Victim of threatening looks and stares (countless times)



Chatty shows injuries suffered after being in a bus accident in June.

I will be in America for six weeks, three weeks longer than originally planned. What follows is an explanation for the extended stay.

Also while using public transportation, Chatty, our apprentice, as been:

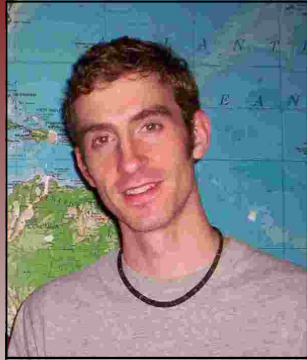
- Robbed (once)
- Injured in a bus accident on the way to Cúa (once)



Dairo and I are stranded on a highway after a bus breakdown.

With the full support of team leader Eric Barry, I have decided that a mission vehicle is vital to my personal safety and funds must be raised to accelerate its purchase.

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"I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."
Matthew 16:18

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Dangerous Public Transport Chatty's Apprenticeship Ends

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Our current level of financial partnership is strong as we are approaching 100% support. Yet it would take at least 12 more months to save enough money to buy a vehicle. Therefore I have decided to spend more time in the U.S. working, making the purchase imminent.

A mission vehicle will also be an extremely important church planting tool in 2007 as the Siempre Con Cristo congregation continues to grow bringing new challenges and exciting projects.

If anyone has questions or concerns about my situation in Venezuela and my travel plans to the U.S., please contact me and I would be happy to provide clarity.

Please be in prayer for the safety of all the saints in Venezuela. And praise God for allowing us to share in His work together.

With Joy in Christ,
Sam

It was a sad day November 20 when we said goodbye to Chatty, our Quest Apprentice who has been working with us since last December. Chatty has made great

friendships and has brought many people to Christ with her genuine, loving personality.

Chatty is only 20 years old and plans to return to North Carolina State University where she is a sophomore. We will see her again this summer when she comes down for another three months.



Chatty embraces Betsabé, one of the girls she led to Christ, during her going away party.

Five November Baptisms

We praise God for five decisions for Christ in November. Josué is expecting a baby with his girlfriend and wants to start putting things right and "live completely for Jesus." Eddie is a husband, father, and businessman; it is difficult to reach men like him for Christ. Noemí is only 12 but comes from a Christian family in SCC. Maylán attended the first ever SCC youth event in July 2005. She battles mental problems with medication and, now, with the power of the Holy Spirit. Ángel was brought to SCC by his sister Liz and was preached to by practically the entire youth group.



Josué, Eddie, Noemí, Maylán, and Ángel, are baptized.

Prayer/Praise Points

- ◆ **Praise** for 5 baptisms! Halleluiah!
- ◆ **Pray** for teammate Matt Johnson. Matt was a Pathways Intern with us summer 2005. He decided to come back full time and has raised up full support. Unfortunately, Matt cannot join us on the field because he is waiting to receive his Transient Visa. His passport has been sitting in the Venezuelan Embassy in Chicago since July. Pray that he would join us soon.
- ◆ **Pray** for peace, stability, safety, and that God's will be done during the presidential election Sunday December 3.

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