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Team Expansion

# Together Venezuela

Church Planting with Sam Schutz

CÚA, VENEZUELA



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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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## First Service Held In New Locale

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On May 27th La Iglesia Cristiana Siempre Con Cristo entered into a new era by holding its first Sunday worship services in its new locale. The renovation process was far from finished but we literally could not wait any longer.

- Mother's Day attendance was 110;
- the average May attendance was 95;
- the youth group averaged 50 in atten-

dance;

- and our first event in the new locale was a Wednesday night prayer meeting and 54 people attended.

We were blessed to see such great church growth and we are convinced that more and more people will come to here the Good News. Pray that it be so.

With Joy in Christ,

Sam



Rejoice! A scene from the first Sunday morning worship service in our new church facility.

## Laura Baptized

Last month you read that we baptized Thania, a high school biology teacher who is anything but shy. She is already sharing her faith. She had over 20 over her high school students attending youth group in May. What's more, Thania has lead her friend and neighbor Laura to Christ. Laura was baptized in May.



Laura, just baptized, embraces Thania who led her to Christ.

## Moving and Remodeling

May was a month of transition as Siempre Con Cristo officially moved locations. We had to move all of the church's equipment and furnishings out of the old locale and into the new locale. We also had to do some minor repairs and retouching before surrendering the old locale.

Meanwhile we were busy building two classrooms and an office in the upstairs of our new facility. Moving and construction is a nice change from normal church work. And its good for the soul to get dirty do some manual labor.



Clockwise from top: walls are built in the new locale; I do some repairs in the old locale; Enrique moves chairs out of the old locale; Jose Manuel and Christina help carry sand up to the new locale.



## Chavez Shuts Down RCTV

Venezuela made international news at the end of May when its socialistic government forced the closing of the privately owned and operated radio station RCTV. President Hugo Chavez holds that the station and its television affiliate broadcast "obscene" programming not fit for the public. However, critics claim that the stations anti-Chavez opinions were the real reason for the governmental shut down violating rights to free speech and freedom of the press.



President Hugo Chavez continues to advance his socialistic regime (banner photo front page: one of many riots and protets sparked by the closing of RCTV).

Please, continue to pray for Venezuela, its government and the future of our mission work in this country.



## Prayer/Praise Points

- ◆ **Praise** for the baptism of Laura.
- ◆ **Praise** for successful move into our new facility.
- ◆ **Pray** for the tedious remodeling process in the new facility.
- ◆ **Pray** that God's will be done with political situation in Venezuela and for my future as a missionary here.

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