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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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Ric Rozsa Hosts Worship Bible Conference

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The highlight for October was hosting Ric Rozsa for a Bible Conference on Worship.

Ric is Worship Pastor at my home church Meadow Park Church of Christ in Rochester, Minnesota. He spoke Friday and Saturday on such themes as:

- the what? and why? of worship,
- what a worshipping church looks like,
- core values of worship teams, etc.

The conference was a good time of learning for the mission's worship teams. But Ric did so much more.

Ric also preached in the two SCC Sunday services; he played drums for our worship band at the conference, at our Saturday youth group, and again at the two Sunday services; he

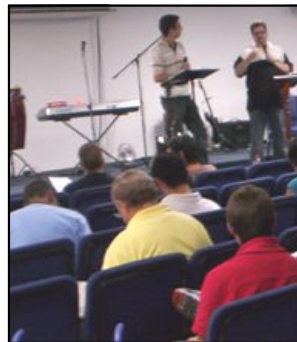
gave drum lessons and he even helped move office furniture!

I was humbled by Ric's great missionary attitude and arduous service during his week-long visit. I learned from what he taught, and I was blessed by his friendship.

With Joy in Christ,

Sam

P.S. Hey Ric, hopefully next time the house will have water!



Thank You MPCC

I would like to extend a special note of gratitude to Meadow Park Church of Christ, its leadership, and especially its Mission Committee for lending us your Worship Pastor for a week and for providing the funds for Ric's air fare to Venezuela.

Above: Ric and I lead Sunday worship. Middle: Ric speaks at the Bible Conference on Friday. Bottom: Ric and I see the sights and buy souvenirs.



Church Facility Update: Office Opens



One of our goals this year was to move into a bigger church facility to allow the congregation to grow. In previous newsletters I wrote about how God had answered our prayers and provided such a facility and how, with more space the church did indeed grow.

In October we finally opened the church office. In November we completed the second room which is used

Left: Our church office is finally up and running. Middle: Dairo is as giddy as a school girl in the new Sunday School room. Right: The future nursery/ meeting room is far from complete but progress in being made.

for Sunday School. And in December we were putting the finishing touches on a the third room.

The church office is now equipped with phone, internet, photocopier and best of all, air conditioning! Needless to say I spend quite a bit of time here. You may have even noticed that I am more “connected” now with newsletters and e-mails coming in torrents! Let’s keep in touch!

Four October Baptisms

In October we saw four great kids (Carlo, Josaura, Vanessa and Jonas) who have been attending SCC make the decision to get baptized and follow Jesus. Once again it is clear how important the role of the family is in the spread of the gospel. Josaura is a daughter of Laura (baptized in May) and Carlo is Josaura’s cousin. Jonas is a son of Thania (baptized in April) and Vanessa is the girlfriend of Elio (another of Thania’s sons). Did you catch all that?



Carlo (left) and Josaura are baptized in October. Both are university students at government military schools.

Prayer/Praise Points

- ◆ **Praise** that Carlo, Josaura, Venessa and Jonas were baptized.
- ◆ **Praise** for a great week with Ric Rozsa, for his safe travel and for a successful Bible Conference.
- ◆ **Pray** that we finish the year strong as we work to meet all of our goals for 2007.
- ◆ **Pray**, one again, for the Holy Spirit to work in the lives of the new believers of Siempre Con Cristo, producing the fruit of the Spirit in abundance.

