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Together 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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Mark Scott Gives Bible Conference

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The new year began with a good time of teaching as Dr. Mark Scott, Professor and Dean of Academics at Ozark Christian College, visited Venezuela for a three-day Bible Conference January 3, 4, and 5.

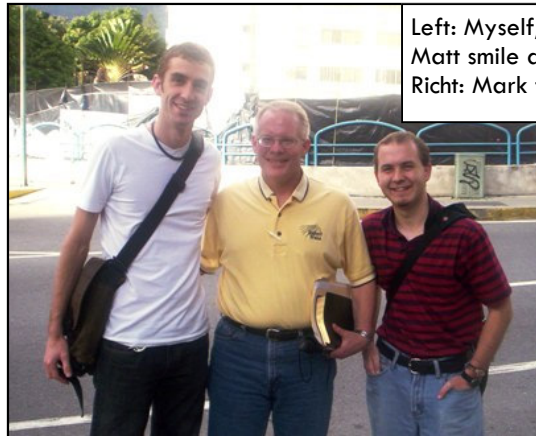
Mark's theme was "In The School Of Christ" comparing the Christian life with a school setting.

Perhaps I learned the most when Matt and I took Mark out for lunch after the conference. What a blessing it was to be able to pick the brain of such a learned servant.

Next up for the Bible Conference, Mark's colleague at OCC, Chris DeWalt will speak during Holy Week on Missions.

With Joy in Christ,

Sam



Left: Myself, Dr. Mark Scott, and Matt smile after lunch in Caracas. Right: Mark teaches in Casarapa.



Home For Two Weeks In January

It was good to be in Rochester for two weeks in January. I was able to:

- meet with the Meadow Park Missions Committee,
- start construction of a mission web-page,
- purchase supplies (including a condenser mic for SCC), and
- visit with friends and family and supporters.

I was also able to get caught up on Newsletters and prepare my goals for 2008 (see page 2).



2008 Personal Ministry Plan A Word From The Prez

1. Serve as missionary on Cúa sub-team leading Siempre Con Cristo to be an indigenous church

- Self-propagating
 - 120 average Sunday attendance
 - 50 baptisms
 - Leadership development (see below)
- Self-governing
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- Self-supporting
 - 5.000.000 Bs. monthly offering

2. Serve as worship leader for Siempre Con Cristo

- Coordinate development and incorporation of new musicians
 - 10 new musicians
 - 5 taught by me (Kristel-guitar, Geziel-voice, Dairo-guitar, Mizbar-guitar, Yohali-voice)
 - 5 taught by others (Kristel-2 on drums, Mateo-2 on bass, Renny-1 on guitar)
- Hold 2 Worship Encounters (Mar and Sept)
- Train worship leaders
 - 1-2 new worship leaders (Kristel, Geziel, Elías)
 - Continue providing guidance to Renny and Noel
- Incorporate drama and dance ministries
- Hold or oversee Saturday morning rehearsals and Sunday morning worship

3. Serve as worship leader for Saturday Youth Group

- Coordinate rotation of worship leaders and musicians.
- Hold or oversee mid-week rehearsals

4. Lead and train others to lead Wednesday night prayer and praise meeting.

5. Serve as a cell group leader

- Lead worship in Thursday 5pm Ponsigue Cell
- Teach in rotation and lead worship in Thursday 7pm Santa Rosa Cell
- Open new cell (possibly requiring me to leave other)
- Capacitate others to lead music in cells (Daya, Renny, Dairo, Mizbar)

6. Serve on youth leadership team

- Preach youth sermons in rotation
- Attend youth events and provide spiritual guidance
- Help toward achieving youth goals
 - 50 youth in group
 - 10+ youth baptisms
- Help lead July mission trip to San Cristobal

7. Grow personally as minister of the Word

- Read OT x1, NT x2
- In-depth study of book of Acts based on lectures by Dr. Mark Moore (Ozark Christian College) completed first half of 2008
- Another in-depth study completed second half of 2008 (possibly Life of Christ by Dr. Mark Moore or Gospel of Mark by Dr. Mark Scott (OCC))
- Read 1 book monthly, 12 total



My wife, son and I recently watched 'Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End' together for a family night. Confession: I was lost for much of the movie (it was a sequel to a movie or two that I hadn't caught). But as the plot continued, the movie climaxed with a major showdown between pirates and their enemies. (I don't want to give away too much of the plot. :-)) I enjoyed hearing Elizabeth Swan passionately give a 'call to arms' near the end of the movie, asking her colleagues to "Hoist the colours!" In her case, it was the "skull & crossbones" flag.

As I was stirred by her emotional call, I reflected on how much greater is our own call... To spread the word worldwide about a humble man who contained the Words and the Spirit of God in his fleshly body, ... a man who turned redeemer and hero, ... a man who was so much more, in fact, than a man. No *wonder* we travel to the four winds of the earth! No *wonder* we risk life and limb. And to you, who make possible this work, we say, thank you for providing the wind for our sails! May God bless you as we hoist the colours of our savior... the red of his shed blood and the white of his saving grace.

God bless your new year!!!

Doug Lucas, President Team Expansion

As we do every year I have drawn up my PMP for 2008 and have published it here in order that you might know the direction of the ministry and that you might be praying for these goals throughout the year, helping us to establish an indigenous church in Cúa, Venezuela.

Prayer/Praise Points

- ◆ **Praise** for safe travels and a productive trip to Rochester in January.
- ◆ **Praise** for an average Sunday attendance of 90 for SCC for the month of January.
- ◆ **Pray** for all the goals in my 2008 PMP.

