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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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Dayanira And The Musical Momentum

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Dayanira was one of my first music students when she started taking guitar lessons in February of 2007. Now, in June of 2008, the time invested in her is paying off in big ways.

Daya has worked hard, remaining faithful to weekly lessons and personal practice, and since her baptism two years ago she has matured as a Christ-follower and God-worshipper.

She is now leading worship in cell meetings every Thursday night and even directed our Wednesday night prayer and praise hour on July 18th.

Daya is part of a community of musicians at Siempre Con Cristo that is generating momentum as former students are now teachers. Currently

- I teach Daya guitar,
- Daya teaches Eric Diaz guitar,
- Matt teaches Elias bass,
- Matt teaches Hilda bass,
- Lisandro teaches Carlo drums,
- Noel teaches Irwin electric guitar,
- Renny teaches Isais guitar,

By the way, music isn't all Daya is involved in. She is also a member of the SCC dance ministry and she is one of the eight youth being capacitated by Dairo to pastor youth small groups.

Dayanira and many others in Cua are discovering the joy of a life of service and God is doing great things through them. May we continue to invest in these future Christian leaders.

With Joy in Christ,
Sam



Dayanira gives Eric a lesson in guitar. In the banner-photo above, Daya (dark blue shirt) distributes food bags to needy residents of the Bicentenario barrio.

Chatty's Back With Two Pathways Interns

Its summertime in Venezuela and that means we are busy with short term groups, revivals and VBS. Our itinerant friend Chatty is back this summer with two Pathways Interns, Samantha and Alisha. Pray for all the groups' activities.

Chatty (middle) smiles with our two Pathways interns Alisha (left) and Samantha.



Welcome Home Leoncio

Leoncio's sons Ricardo and Alejandro have been attending SCC since it began. At first, Leoncio was critical of the church and didn't want his sons to attend; but with time he mellowed.

Earlier this year, Leoncio was diagnosed with lung cancer which quickly spread throughout his body and into his bone marrow. In May he was given one month to live. Many SCC members reached out to Leoncio during this time, praying for him and teaching him the plan of salvation. God had his attention. Leoncio decided to be baptized along with his wife Ruth.



Above: Leoncio and Ruth after being baptized. Right: Leoncio has tumors throughout his body. One is pushing his eye out of socket, hence the bandage. His son Ricardo assists in his baptism.

Receiving morphine injections for relief from the pain, it was wondered if Leoncio would even be able to go through with the ceremony. Yet, when the moment arrived, he stood up straight and strong and marched into the tank, beaming. With his eyes lifted up to Heaven he gave thanks to the Lord for saving him and his family.

Twelve days later Leoncio went to be with the Lord.

Bicentenario Food Donation

The leaders of the Bicentenario cell had it on their heart to do a service project for the poor residents of this dangerous barrio. They delivered food bags to some 50 houses. Most were received with gratitude.



Carlo and Alisha deliver a food bag to the house where a domestic abuse case was transpiring.

The reality of life in this barrio hit close to home for Carlo and Alisha. One of their food bags was received by a man who came to the door scratched and sweaty. A woman's cries for help were heard coming from inside the house. It was a case of domestic abuse. They ran and got the police and afterwards they were quite shook up. The results of the case are unknown.

Miscellaneous

- We had another party-Sunday for Father's Day with food and all. 150 people came including 25 fathers. On a normal Sunday about 8 fathers attend.
- Avg. Sunday attendance in June: 114
- Avg. Youth attendance in June: 41

Prayer/Praise Points

- ◆ **Praise** for all four who were baptized in June, including Leoncio and Ruth.
- ◆ **Pray** for Eric Barry and his family as they begin to transition out of their roles in Venezuela and prepare for life in Louisville.
- ◆ **Pray** for the Seimpre Con Cristo congregation as a loss of a pastor is always a traumatic time for a church. Pray for the faithfulness of all believers. And pray for continued growth and leadership development.

