

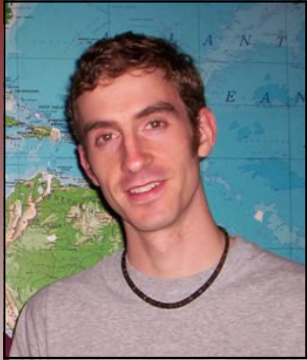


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Team Expansion

# Together Venezuela

CÚA, VENEZUELA



## Venezuela 2009

*"I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."*

Matthew 16:18

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## Just In Time: God Provides A House

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Over the past several months you have joined me in asking God to provide a new living situation. My roommate Matt got married and I wanted to move out before he and his new wife returned from furlough. But I had no where to go.

There were no places to rent in Cúa in the want adds. There were no "for rent" signs posted anywhere in town. Not even the local Century 21 office could help. I worked my connections at Siempre Con Cristo to no avail.

location as I searched in vain.

I met the owner of that empty house that day. She said she was a Christian. She didn't have plans on renting the house but she later felt led by God to rent it to me. She helped me draw up a contract at a fair rental price and on September 12, the same day that Matt and his wife returned from the US, I moved into my new house.

In short, God provided just the right house to rent from just the right owner at just the right time. God is good.

I want to thank those of you who have been praying about this. God certainly responded in an awesome and humbling way. May this story serve as an encouragement to all of us in our prayer lives.

Now I ask that you pray about the remodeling projects that I will undertake in this new house. At the time I moved in, the house was filthy, there was no kitchen sink or counters, there was no fully functional bathroom, and there were several smaller items in need of work.

Whether our calling is to build a nation, a business, a house, a church or a family, we are called to work hard and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, make this world a better place. May God bless you as we build together.

With Joy in Christ,

Sam



I clean my new rental house. This is my 5th living arrangement in less than 5 years in Venezuela. Banner-photo above: Outside my new house.

On July 23, after a long day of fruitless house searching, I was dejected and ready to give up. On July 24, as I was leaving for work, I noticed that there were people leaving the abandoned house across the street from where I lived. For months that house had mocked me, sitting empty in a perfect

## Spiritual Revival Continues

August's wave of conversions in the Ponsigué neighborhood rolled into September as we baptized 4 more people from that area and a total of 6 in the month. In the



Sergio, from Ponsigue, was one of six people to be baptized in SCC in September. A drywaller, Sergio has since led a remodeling effort in our church facility.

August Newsletter you read that we baptized 14 people that month, 13 of whom were from the Ponsigué neighborhood. The driving force behind the revival is a thriving cell group ministry in the area led by Gloria, Génesis, Yohalí, and others. Best of all, most of those who have committed to following Jesus have remained faithful to that commitment as active members of the SCC community. Please continue to pray for their spiritual growth.

## Pencils. Books. Dirty Looks?

On Monday, September 28, I officially went “back-to-school” for the first time in eight years. I started my first quarter at Bethel Seminary with classes in Hermeneutics, Transformational Leadership, and Mentored Leadership Development. It’s a lot of work - please pray!



## A Word From The Prez



Dear Friend of Team Expansion,

Yesterday one of our workers told me a story of a man driving his car in a rural area of the USA. While trying to read his map, he ran off in the ditch. He noticed a farmhouse nearby and proceeded to ask the farmer for help. The farmer brought out his old mule, Warwick, hitched him up to the car, then proceeded to yell, "Pull Fred, pull Daniel, pull Warwick." As Warwick pulled the car out of trouble, the driver asked why the old farmer called out the names of all those other horses. The farmer replied, "Well, you see, Warwick is basically blind these days. He's getting old . . . but if he thinks he's part of the team, he'll pull pretty hard."

When you support the work of Team Expansion and your favorite Team Expansion missionary, you are, in effect, becoming part of a team. Yes, your check provides a tangible financial resource... but through your encouragement, you also give an intangible boost. That invisible support goes farther than you know... and for this and more, we're grateful. May God bless your month!

Doug Lucas

President, Team Expansion

## Prayer/Praise Points

- ◆ **Praise** for 6 September baptisms.
- ◆ **Pray** that the new believers would take good first steps in their walk with Christ.
- ◆ **Praise** for the opportunity to begin studying for my Masters.
- ◆ **Pray** for my coursework and all the details which become complicated when one lives in a foreign country like Venezuela.
- ◆ **Praise** for my new rental home.
- ◆ **Pray** for all the work and remodeling required to make my new rental home fit for living.



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