

# IGLESIA

## *Biblica Evangélica*

Dear brothers,

Grace and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I am writing to you after a long time, since the last few months have been very intense in activities, church service and travel. This has caused me to put off this update and prayer letter too long. Please excuse me, I'll try to be more regular. The good thing is that there are a lot of things to share with you and that are reasons for gratitude.

### **CHURCH LIFE:**

We started the year with two very joyful events. In February our brothers Ingrid Cárdenas and Robin Visser were baptized as a seal of their conversion to Christ and just a week later they got married. They came to the church as non-believers and after their new birth the change and sanctification in their lives was evident until they separated until their wedding day and went down before the waters of baptism. They are now members of the church and are growing in maturity and in service.

In these months, due to the number of people who are coming to our church, we have been doing two membership courses, we started one between January and March, now we are immersed in another from May to July.

We have recently received four brothers as members: Alejandro, Ivonne, Jeremías and Yesenia. Soon we will also welcome Francisco and Martha. They have all been with us for a long time and it is a joy to receive them as part of our family of faith.

This coming July, Artur and Rosa will go down to the waters of baptism, a couple that came from a Roman Catholic background and experienced the new birth and conversion in our church, after time of discipleship and helping them leave behind many traditions and doctrines an unbiblical and a wrong understanding of the gospel, they will be baptized. We thank the Lord for their lives and the precious work of transformation that the Lord has done with them, also for their health, as they are older and have a lot of physical problems.

I am also happy to inform you that after a time of prayer and observation I have proposed to the church the candidacy of brothers Jordi and Claudio as future pastors. Both are faithful brothers who have been preaching and teaching for a long time in our church. This candidacy process is indefinite and during it i will be forming and discipling them pastorally. I will also gradually delegate some ministerial tasks. We trust that when the time comes the church will be able to recognize and affirm them in their ministry. Both are two precious gifts from the Lord for our congregation and a necessary help in my ministry.

Last February church ladies began to study Philippians. I am training the teachers to study the text exegetically and theologically and present it applying it also to the hearts of the sisters. Through the testimonies of the women of the church, they are all being greatly edified and blessed to be able to delve into the biblical text in the way they are doing.

Likewise, we are pleased to inform you that, in October, we will be able to start a children's Sunday school for two age groups. We had been praying for it for some time, but there were not enough resources or teachers to carry it out. We also ask for your prayers for this much-needed project to engrave the gospel of Jesus Christ in the minds and hearts of our children.

## FAMILY LIFE:

As for our family, we are in good health. We got sick with Covid in April, but the 4 of us are already well. Although until May we have had some small consequences.

We also ask for your prayers because our car has definitely broken down and repairs are very expensive. For the rest, it makes no sense to repair it because it will soon be a vehicle that, due to European gas emission regulations, will not be able to circulate in practically any urban center. So, we think the time has come to say goodbye to him after 18 years of faithful service. The problem is that a new or second-hand car is far from our current possibilities. But as always, we trust in the providence of the Lord. Please, pray so that we can have a new car as soon as possible. We need it for church, work and family life.

Our daughters Claudia and Julia finish classes this month and it seems that everything has gone well for them this year. We continue to pray that the Lord keep Julia's faith and call Claudia to repentance and faith in Jesus.

Silvia and I on June 1 celebrated 21 years of marriage. It's amazing how time passes. But we thank the Lord for each of those years together. He is good, He is faithful. Please pray for our marriage.

We love you and thank you for your love and interest in our family and ministry. I hope to see many of you this August if our trip to the USA has finally been organized and structured. We want to see you and share our mutual faith in the Lord and introduce you to our IBE ministry and family of faith in your own churches.

Yours in the love of Christ,

Javier, Silvia, Claudia and Julia



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