



Iglesia Bautista El Cordero de Dios

To our brother, sisters and friends around the world

Dear Brothers and Sisters: We are initiating this effort for publishing this bulleting every two months, as the best way to inform to our friends, brothers and sisters, both inside and outside the country, of the most important events and activities that have been done in our Faith Community. In addition, we are going to share some information to show our Salvadorian identity and culture in the 21st Century. We hope you can participate offering your ideas and fresh news, as well as important information you want to share.

GOOD NEWS MESSANGERS

We received the visit of 14 brothers and sisters from Didcot and Gildersome Baptist Churches both from England, from December 7th to 28th 2007. They were sent with the mission of contributing and animating the work of their Salvadorian sister church.



Brothers and Sisters from England,
visiting a home.



Building María Gloria's, home
In San Pedro.

They strengthened the community work with the Children Biblical Club; they also built the house of Maria Gloria and her daughters, in San Pedro Perulapán, Cuscatlán. In addition, they assisted some cancer terminal ill patients at the Divine Providence Hospital, (this is a place with a profound meaning for many Salvadorians, because the martyr archbishop Monseñor Romero was murdered in the hospital chapel, march 24th 1980), in a Samaritan labor of a great spiritual content.



Brothers and sisters from
IBECORD.



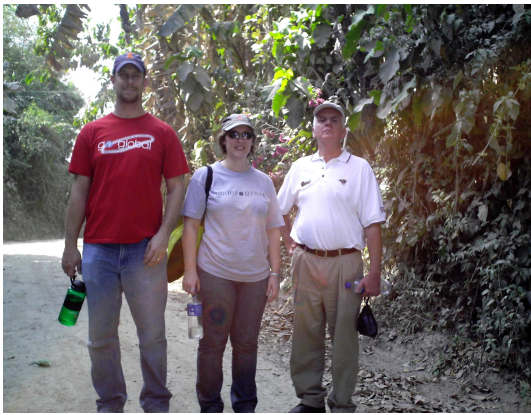
Summer Children Bible School at community
El Paraíso, San Pedro.

NEW CHURCH BUILDING, NEW CHALLENGE

With the support from our brothers and sisters from Cherry Hills Baptist Church from Illinois, USA, the new church building was consecrated to the Lord and faith community service. The former building was 20 years old. It was made out of wood and tint, and literally it was collapsing. We want to thank to our brothers and sisters from sister church for their support in making reality our dream of having a modest but decent and safe church building. (In the former building we were object of burglary around 35 times, even antique furniture used as our altar was stolen).



Thank you brothers and sisters from
Cherry Hills, Springfield, Illinois ,
USA.



Steve Patria (pastor), Sue Blankenship,
John Janssen. Brothers and Sister from
Cherry Hills Baptist Church. Springfield Illi-

Couples

One of the most enriching activities of our church is the couples meeting. They have been meeting every two weeks, on Saturday for six years. They meet in each of their homes, they have a meal and they support each other to solve their vicissitudes and to share the good and the no very good, but always-great family life moments. With a group methodology, brothers and sisters have developed a space for addressing issues related to their children, home economy, machismo culture, women role and others. One of the couples shared their testimony on how these meetings helped to develop enough strength in order to avoid a divorce. Another output is how children are challenging their parents when they see problems between them. Children ask their parents to continue participating in the couples meetings and to persevere in their love.

The new building has already sheltered some community and family activities, for instance a wedding, a renewing of matrimony votes, the presentation to our faith community of the new born **Maria Fernanda**, Avida Granados and Rolando Monterosa's daughter, and **Celio Roberto**, Lorena Clímaco and Carlos Batres' son. Two babies that have broth happiness to our community. We also had the funeral of dear brother Alfonso Villatoro, the ancient member of our church, who died on February 12th 2008, being 105 years old.



Francisco and Matilde, a couple
From IBECORD.

WOMEN EFFORTS

Cordero de Dios Baptist Church (IBECORD Spanish acronym) has encouraged churches to be a open place to women participation. However it is only a few months ago that women from our church have started a space to reflect on gender issues in Salvadorian society and Latin American context.



Women identity at
IBECORD



Sister, Vilma Castro helping to
build our new temple.

Women strengthening their courage; decision and thrust for abandon old customs and roles, through the assistance that are offering each other in this space. They are starting from a new biblical reading that dignify women. This is a historical debt that the Salvadorian churches have with those who are more than fifty per cent of our country inhabitants. The traditional church has forgotten women needs and specific aspirations. We want to thank Miriam Gaspar from the Lutheran Church, for sharing her human warmth, her spiritual beauty and her theological knowledge given to our faith community.

NAZARENO COMMUNITY

We have started a work with El Nazareno Community since January. The missionary visit and support given by Didcot and Gildersome Baptist Churches have been the impulse for this beautiful communitarian experience of working with boys and girls from El Nazareno, which is a marginalized urban community located near to Cordero de Dios Baptist Church.



Sister Ruth Cardona helping at Community El Nazareno, Zacamil.

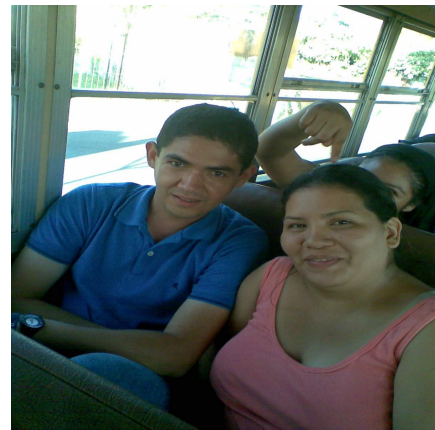


Sister Audrey from Didcot at Community El Nazareno, Zacamil.

As it is in other urban poor communities in any city around the world, children are witnesses of violence, drug dealing and domestic violence. People around our neighborhood think that El Nazareno is a delinquents' zone. That is a challenge for our church. We want to contribute from a biblical perspective, giving hope and renewing the capacity of dreaming that a different reality is possible.

Scholarship Holders

Thanks to the support of many brothers and sisters from Didcot Baptist Church, 8 of our church members are making their dreams of accomplishing university studies come true. Thanks to this support, our brothers Tito Orozco y Rolando Monterrosa have achieved a university degree in Theology (Licenciatura is an academic degree, achieved after five years of studies in El Salvador) and Electrical Engineer respectively .



Misael and Ruth from the Scholarship programme.

Sister Cristy Ayala still needs to defend a dissertation in order to get her International Relations Degree. Some of them are going to continue studying with this support; they are Misael Castro, who studies Arts, Lorena Clímaco, Accounting, Saraí Villatoro and María Delia Garay, Architecture. And from January on, Valeria Matias has been added to this group. She is a young woman from San Pedro Perulapán Mission. She has received some support since 2006. Our church supports her through a church family who shares their home and love. Valeria started her university journey in February 2008; we hope the future will provide her a better life.

LET'S PRAY FOR LUCIA

We are requesting your prayers for Lucia Quinney Mee who is daughter of our beloved David and Rachel Quinney Mee. They were English missionaries who accompany our church during the difficult wartime in El Salvador. David and Rachel developed strong affective links that remain very strong even after ten years they returned to Ballycastle, Northern Ireland. Lucia received a liver transplant in December 2007 and she has been delicate. We want to offer our shoulders to pray for David, Raquel, Lucia and her sister Alicia to support the pain and to give hope for her recovering. Please pray with El Cordero de Dios, for this family that we love so much. Thanks for praying.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONS IN EL NAZARENO, ZACAMIL AND SAN PEDRO PERULAPAN, AND FOR DIRECTION FOR THE PASTORAL WORK.

Our church expects to find a place for a church building in San Pedro Perulapán. We need to improve the work we do with women, children and youth. In the present, the bible studies are done at brothers and sisters homes, but we think that after seven years of work we need to build a minimum infrastructure. At El Nazareno Community, new members have been added for the missionary work, this promises to be a beautiful community experience. Our church board considers that due to the increasing missionary work, we need to have a full time minister and a person to assist the minister.



**Brother Tito Orozco,
IBECORD pastor.**



**Tony and Nidia, he is our Teacher
at Sunday Bible School.**

Currently, our pastor brother Tito Orozco works part time and an important number of members are doing the missionary work. Therefore, we plan to organize a church in San Pedro Perulapán and to hire two people full time for the church work and missions. These are our goals; we hope to make reality with God's help, our work and with church members and friends' prayers.

CORDERO BAPTIST CHURCH IS APPEALING TO NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL BAPTIST CHURCHES TO INCLUDE IN THEIR ANUAL WORK PROGRAMS, OUR REQUEST OF HAVING A VOLUNTEER MISSIONARY FOR 2009. IF YOU FEEL THE MISSIONARY CALL, WRITE US. WE NEED YOU, TO EXPAND GOD'S NEWS IN EI SALVADOR.

We thank to brother **Josué Rodríguez** for his work and patience for illustrating our bulletin.

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