

The Voice in the Wilderness

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VENEZUELA

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Beat - beat, ding - dong, tick - tock! What are you listening to? One year ago, we heard God's specific call and saw His immediate provision to make a third teaching trip to Venezuela. Although our 2010 trip was 10 days, making it APM's shortest trip to date, God's plan was evident as we completed follow-up teaching sessions with several new church plants and the Bible Institute, saw over 40 young people saved in a school meeting, and witnessed many of our former students growing in the Lord and being disciplined. This time has also opened the door for APM to assist The Voice in the Wilderness in expanding its printing ministry by working with a new friend, made through our English classes, to begin **Spanish translation of many of our ministry resources**. The Lord also increased our burden for San Felipe, a city of over 250,000, where Pastor Niller Aparicio is working effectively to build a new church (or "raise up an army for God," as he would say). It was in this city that our ears became quite sensitive to the sounds of a culture steeped in catholic and cult-like beliefs and chained to the hand-outs of communism. During our 2009 visit to San Felipe, we witnessed 40 precious students commit to one week of English class. Our ears were easily distracted by the ding-dong of the Catholic bells tolling next door, the beat-beat of the communist calling all to its rally across the street, and the devil whispering in our ear that the students would lose focus and walk out. BUT the heart beat of God thudded more powerful in our class as 20 students learned and heard God's true Word

and allowed the Saviour to loose the chains of oppression they felt daily in San Felipe.

It is for this city and these people that **we hear God's call for APM to return** for further teaching and training. During the summer of 2011, APM plans to make a fourth teaching trip to Venezuela. As on past visits, we will use the powerful **evangelist tool of English classes** to introduce the truth of God's Word found in the Creation lesson, Abraham's sacrifice, and the Crucifixion/Resurrection lesson. **Vacation Bible schools** will continue to be a time of reaching the little ones and their families, and **regular church services, discipleship, and special church worker training sessions** will assist the local pastor in building up the church. Improvement in our own **Spanish language fluency** will be a goal, so that we can be an even more effective tool for Him. Although we plan to focus specific time in San Felipe, APM will also do brief **follow-up visits** with other pastors and churches that we have worked with over the years. We are excited to once again be a part of what God is doing in Venezuela and hear the sound of what is most important to Him - the beat-beat of His hearthrob for souls.

Sounds are everywhere, and many times we become distracted by the world's constant noises. What are you listening to? Perhaps the Communist drums are not beating in your backyard, but Satan is ever vigilant to deafen our ears to God's mission. Will you join with APM today to hear God's call, share Jesus with lost Venezuelans, and "raise up an army for God"?

Pray for us!

Prayer Notes:

- Daily Strength and Health - as we work outside jobs and serve in our home office
- May - 4 hour Children's Worker training session & the historical King James Bible Expo in Washington D.C. in May.
- Rebekah and Sis. Terry Williamson will keynote a ladies conference in June.
- Finances for summer trip to Venezuela.
- We shared a personal burden of seeing Pastor Niller in San Felipe own a car. The Mt. Sheba church folk immediately responded with a \$500 offering and is challenging 11 other churches to match their missions gift to complete the \$6,000 car fund goal.

Money Talks

Category	Total Cost	Money Recvd	% Funded
Lilly's Expense			
Plane tickets	\$2600	\$0	0%
In-country Room/Board	\$3000	\$3000	✓☺
Stateside Expense	\$2500	\$1900	76%
Supplies	\$300	\$0	0%
Insurance	\$200	\$200	✓☺
Special Gifts for Venezuela			
Pastor Niller's Car Fund	\$6000	\$500	8%
Church supplies - Bibles, visuals, etc.	\$300	\$0	0%
Total Lilly's Expense	\$8600	\$5100	59%
Total Gift Fund	\$6300	\$500	8%
Total	\$14900	\$5600	38%

How can you financially help?

- Give financially to help us fully fund our expense categories.
- Accept the Mt. Sheba church folks challenge and give \$500 toward Pastor Niller's Car Fund.
- Do you have frequent flyer miles? You can help us dramatically reduce the plane ticket cost by helping us fly to Miami. From there, we can purchase lower priced tickets from a South American airline to fly into Venezuela.

Go online for Venezuela photos and a special message from Steve & Rebekah

Watch our **new** ministry DVD at www.thevoiceinthewilderness.org. If you do not have internet access or you would like a copy of the DVD to show in your church, please write, PO Box 7037 Asheville, NC 28802