

Vida Nueva Bogota

METROAMERICO20 2024 FIRST QUARTER REPORT



Once again, it is a blessing and a fulfilled joy for us to share what God has done during the first part of the year in His work in this city. As I write these lines, the report that Epaphras took to Paul about the Colossians comes to my mind and how satisfying it was for him and Timothy to confirm that these believers of approximately five years had "heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing" (Col.1:5-6). In this opportunity, we want to share how that gospel was exposed during this first quarter of the year and how it bears fruit and grows among believers in our local church.

Evangelistic Campaign



In January, we conducted an evangelistic campaign in which 350 people made a profession of faith. We received 14 guests for Sunday worship, and 10 receive discipleship. Again, we are grateful for the support of those who came to evangelize, translate, and pray for us.

Baptisms

In February, we had our first baptism of the year. As a church, we rejoiced with each one of them. In the picture, we share Luis Carlos and Delcy's decision as a couple with conviction and joy. Both were the fruit of our campaign in July of last year, and they have constantly expressed their gratitude to the Lord for having found a church (which they had been seeking and praying for for a long time). They are currently in discipleship and are very faithful in congregating every Sunday.



IDEM



Also, in February, we started a new group, IDEM (Institute of Ministerial Development), with current collaborators who have shown a special ministerial commitment that God has blessed with much fruit (children's ministry, marriages, youth, women). Likewise, this group of brothers and sisters has shown a surprising and exciting life change. We are currently teaching the class "How To Study The Bible."

Youth Small Group

We also started a medium-term project with young university students and professionals in the same month. In addition to teaching them the Word and pastoring them, the idea is to develop some of them so that in a couple of years, they can take charge of the young people who come after them in age. Four of these young people are already in charge of a group of teenagers called "Link." This ministerial effort goes hand in hand with IDEM (Institute for Ministerial Development).



We also wanted to share about our breakfast and training with the children's ministry teachers; Edwin and Audaly who began attending our church in January of this year; the worship team, whose operation in Sunday services is faithfully directed by Jimmy Cifuentes, and in gratitude, a photo of the group of all the churches that supported us in the evangelistic campaign – Valley Baptist, FBC Murrels, Vida Nueva Guatemala, Vida Nueva San Salvador and Vida Nueva Bogotá.

We want to close this report with the text that we opened with. We hope that, like Paul and Timothy, after receiving Epaphras's report about the believers in Colossae, we will follow their example: "And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;" (Colossians 1:9-10).

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