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I MUST
WORK WHILE
IT IS DAY

AT HOME AND ABROAD

THE NIGHT
COMETH WHEN NO
MAN CAN WORK

The Lord's Work in VENEZUELA

Andrew Turkington

On the 25th of April 1910, about 115 years ago, William Williams from Toronto arrived in Puerto Cabello, Venezuela. He was followed by Gordon Johnston, Sidney Saword, John Frith, and Bruce Cumming, all of whom were commended from Canada. Then quite a number from Northern Ireland, including Bertie Douglas, John Wells, Edward Fairfield, Joe Milne, and Joe Turkington. Also, Neal Thomson and, later, two others from Australia.

Missionaries remaining in the country are: Noel McKeown, Stephen Redpath, Samuel Ussher, and three Turkington brothers Kenneth, Andrew, William and also Norman Turkington (son of Kenneth). Alan Turkington passed away in 2022.

Brethren unable to return are Uel Ussher, Edward Smith and Paul Chapman.

Conferences: We have six national conferences every year, lasting three days each.

The largest attendance is usually about 2000 as well as many regional conferences.

There is a joint effort of several assemblies to host a conference.



There are 18 Venezuelan full-time preachers in the country, as well as 14 commended to work in other countries in Central and South America (even one has been commended to Canada)

Prayer for the current political unrest in Venezuela is requested

Full-time workers at Elders conference 2024



SAN CARLOS CONFERENCE 2025

Currently, there are 205 assemblies in Venezuela - at least one in all 23 states. Carabobo, one of the smallest states (where the work started), has 53 assemblies.



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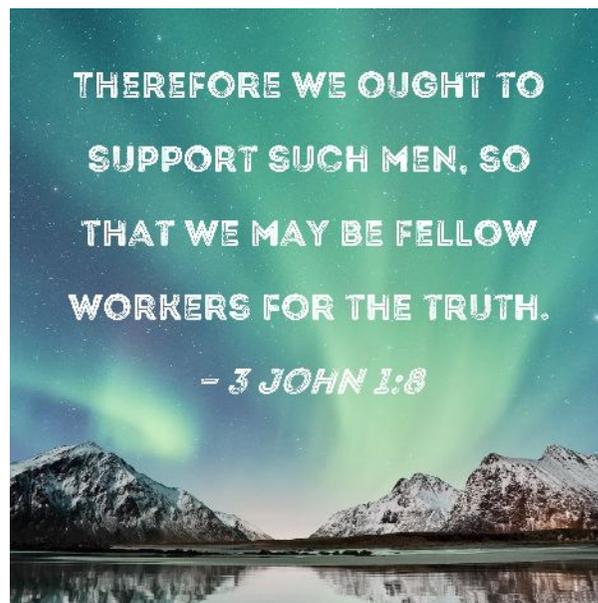
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**VENEZUELA, SOUTH AFRICA,
ZAMBIA, ISRAEL, AUSTRALIA, CHILE,
ST. LUCIA, ROMANIA,**



South Africa

Rodney & Joy Brown



Rodney & Joy Brown

We were commended by the Larne Assembly in Northern Ireland in 2001 and came to South Africa. I mainly work as an evangelist, preaching in public and giving personal witness in South Africa, and we also have opportunities to visit Namibia for evangelism with Seed Sowers outreaches and open-air preaching. Thankfully, the Lord has opened many doors. I have the opportunity to preach the Gospel on a Christian radio station, bring the message to the homeless at a local charity, speak at children's outreaches, preach in the open air, and distribute literature. There have been many invitations to preach in fellowship with local assemblies around the Cape Town area.

In March 2025, I was conducting a Gospel campaign in a town called Hawston in the Western Cape when four people were saved.



Childrens Work

We were back in Hawston on 28 September for the baptism of one of them, plus another young believer. We rejoice that on that occasion, four more trusted the Saviour. These were the mother, brother, and friend of the young brother being baptized, plus another young person. At Northpine, near where we stay, as no adult unbelievers were attending the Lord's Day Gospel meetings, the assembly decided to have a children's meeting in the hall. The believers pick up the children from a nearby housing estate. Over the last few months, quite a few children have professed to trust the Saviour at Northpine. Two of them are granddaughters of an elder in the assembly there. We thank the Lord for what he is doing in these areas, and we look to Him that we might see more. I have brought literature for the new believers.

At present, a Seed Sowers outreach is underway in Swakopmund, Namibia. Children's meetings with adults and Bible studies for young believers are being held.

A lady has professed to be saved, but is sadly experiencing opposition from her mother.

Please pray that as the Gospel is preached, others would trust the Saviour and that the young believers will be strengthened in the Faith.



Rodney Brown

Loloma Mission, Zambia

Steven & Stephanie Anderson

As Stephanie and I look back on 2025, we must give thanks and praise to our Lord and Saviour for largely undertaking for us. There has been much to be encouraged about in Namibia, but we also see some negative things. We have seen the Lord move and reach people in a big way in this area of the world. We have also seen the enemy moving in, trying to disrupt the work and movements, as well as the zeal and gumption of the workers. This attack from the enemy was unlike anything we had seen

before. **Pray** for the people of Namibia; they are blind and in the dark, yet yearning for something better.

We arrived in Swakopmund, Namibia, in late November. In addition to our family, we traveled along with Nathanael, Shoshanna Poidevin, and their children, as well as Joel & Apphia Poidevin. We were met in Swakopmund by Matt Jenkins, Chloe, and Naomi, who stayed there with us for two weeks. In the three weeks we were there, we had two weeks of gospel meetings and children's meetings, along with three weeks of home bible studies. We also distributed 10,000 calendars featuring clear gospel verses and photos of Namibia for each month.

When it came to passing out the calendars, everyone wanted one, and people would track us down to get one. These calendars seem to be the best way to get the word of God into people's homes and last the whole year. In the daily gospel meetings, which would start around 10:30 in the morning, we saw many new people we had not seen before. A lady named Victoria comes to mind; she attended many of the meetings, and we were able to have some time for visitation with her to answer many diverse questions.

The children's work went on for two weeks. There were great numbers the first week while school was still in session, but when school closed for the holidays, the number of children dropped. When schools close in December, many families who live in Swakopmund travel north to their original homesteads to spend the time preparing their fields and planting their crops for the year. We had about 80 to 100 on any given day. Since we have been in the same location for some years now, the children have memorized the songs we sing and many of the verses that have been taught. They notice our vehicle, wave, and get excited when they see us in the area. At the end of the outreach, if any child could recite all the verses, they would receive a case of school supplies from the UK. Many worked very hard to memorize all the verses, and at the end, many were rewarded. It was a bonus that we were able to have a home

bible study while doing what was mentioned above every evening.



Steven & Stephanie Anderson and family

The book that was taken up was Romans. It has been beneficial to those who came; one young woman, seventeen years old, expressed much interest, asked very good questions, and was searching the scriptures to see if what was said was true. At the end of our time together, she said that she knows that she is a sinner and that the Lord Jesus is God and died on the cross for sin, and that she no longer believes in her traditional teachings. I went over Passover with her and tried to convey the need to make it personal, for her to apply what she has learned to herself. Please **pray** for her salvation. Her name is Selma.

Our next destination was to the north of Namibia. We were invited to have gospel meetings a few kilometers outside of Okahao. This is where Selma's (Erickson's wife) family has a homestead. We had the privilege of setting up camping tents for sleeping and a large gospel tent for daily gospel and children's meetings. Many came to hear the Word of God (most of whom were relatives of Selma). We have seen a great desire and ability in Selma to bring others under the sound of the gospel. She brought us to a homestead where her elderly family mem-

bers reside (all of whom are blind because of glaucoma). They were unable to attend the meetings, so we made a point of visiting them

to share the gospel.

Knowing that some of Selma's family were blind, we brought them a gift: a device with the Bible recorded in their own language and solar-charged. When they played it for the first time, there were many smiles. During the children's meetings in the area, we realized that most children who live full-time in the north have very limited English proficiency, despite English

being the official language and the language of upper-level schooling. Erickson started translating one of the children's songs into Oshikwanyama, but that still seemed less than ideal, since the children there primarily learn Oshindonga in school and speak Oshikandela at home. Thankfully, one of Selma's younger sisters, Juila, had travelled up from Swakopmund and was quite eager to help out with translation. Please **pray** for her that she would continue to show an interest and that she might be led to salvation, possibly even through the gospel she is exposed to as she helps with translation. On our last night there, we had to weather a storm that we had never seen before. It was torrential rain, high winds, thunder, and lightning. It was so bad that our tents were bent, our bedding was soaked, and the lighting was so close that we ran to the Land Cruiser for cover. God was merciful in holding back the storm until after all of the meetings had taken place and we had already packed away the gospel tent.

Assembly Work in Nazareth Israel

George & Ros Khalil

George Khalil is a Palestinian Christian from Nazareth, Israel, who has been a prominent figure in Arabic-speaking Christian ministry throughout the Middle East since the 1970s. Born and raised in Nazareth, George holds Israeli citizenship and has devoted his life to evangelism, discipleship, and Bible education. “For thy mercy is great above the heavens: and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.” (Psalm 108:4)

EMMAUS Staff in Nazareth,



George & Ros Khalil on the Left

EMMAUS is a Bible Correspondence School by mail and online, non-denominational in outreach, and founded for the purpose of encouraging the systematic study of the Word of God. It operates in 95 countries across every continent, offering courses in over 100 languages.

Assembly meeting times in Nazareth

Sunday 10.00 - 12.00 am

Thursday 6.00 - 9.00 pm

Ladies Meeting once every 2 weeks: Wednesday 10.00 - 12.00 am

Psalm 118:24 reminds us, “This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.”

We are still on our journey of faith; even in our senior years, we are learning more about God,

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His attributes, and His great desire to do good for us. So why are we surprised when answers to **prayers** come? Yes, we believe, but Lord help our unbelief. In answer to our prayers, we have seen Him provide for the salaries and other urgent expenses from sources that we did not expect. His faithfulness indeed reaches to the skies, and this is His very nature.

Although there is officially a “ceasefire” in place, and we are glad that the Israeli hostages have been released, the truth is that hundreds are still being killed in Gaza, aid is still not getting through, and attacks on Palestinians in the West Bank has intensified since the agreement was signed.

Pray for a neutral body to monitor the ceasefire, aid to enter Gaza, and for a lasting peace settlement.

The situation is very complex and needs much **prayer**.

Ministry update:

We are currently halfway through posting the video of the course “The Woman Who Pleases God” on social media, and are now working on the audio and text for the daily devotional, Better Than Bread, for the first three months beginning in the New Year. **Pray** that many unsaved would listen to these messages every day—the Emmaus Courses App.

This month, we produced a 1.4-minute advertisement to promote the Arabic courses on the App., which is available in 33 languages. We hope and **pray** that it will also be used in the other Arabic-speaking fields to encourage more people to study the courses.

Brother Shawel manages the mentoring of the students using the App. He has recently had encouraging comments from Mohammed N. from Yemen, which we would like to share with you. Please **pray** for him and other believers in that country, where there is serious persecution.

“I always expect to learn from the Bible each day what is beneficial and useful for my personal life, my social relationships, and my knowledge of God—His nature, His attributes,



Assembly Building in Nazareth

His commandments—and to continually discover new and delightful things about all that Christ, the Lord of Glory, did and taught freely offers to all who believe in Him. I also learn proper conduct, how to walk in the footsteps of the Lord and follow His way, and how to grow continually on the journey toward Him, in fellowship with Him and with other believers. I am truly very happy to have become acquainted with your website and its blessed ministry. It is a great joy for me to be here and to benefit from the valuable courses and books. Your presence, guidance, and willingness to assist throughout this journey bring me great encouragement. I will ask my wife, Kawkab, to join me, and I will also encourage the other believers in our local church in Yemen to take part in these important courses and to visit this remarkable website.”

Bible Distribution

Thank the Lord that we had our first order in two years from one of our customers for our olive wood-covered Bibles, as tourism is just starting to move again.

Pray that more orders will follow, as this income helps our office expenses.

New Building

Thank the Lord that we have been able to have the roof sealed with tar sheets in time before the winter rains, install the elevator, and start on the dividing walls. We are still hoping to have a team come in to help with the interior walls and decorating.

House Meeting in Bethlehem

Hazim - a brother from the West Bank, who came to faith through the Emmaus courses, is now living in Bet Sahur near Bethlehem, and he and his wife have the desire to plant an

assembly there. There are no Arabic-speaking assemblies in the region, nor in Jerusalem.

Please **pray** that the Lord will guide Hazim and Vida as they begin a small home Bible study, asking the Lord to bring people to faith and build from there.

Personal News

We are thanking the Lord again for Ros's good recovery from her broken ankle and the good medical facilities that we have here. She has qualified for some help with the housework from the National Insurance, and we have a believer who comes once a week and has also started attending the Sunday assembly. George had his second cataract surgery, and it's improving, but he is sometimes feeling knee pain (limiting his movements sometimes), but it is not advanced enough for surgery. He had some regenerative plasma treatment, which has helped, but overall, we are thankful for our relatively good health for our age. We have three friends with cancer, Chuck, Ibtisam, and Awni. Please **pray** for them. They are all believers, but of course, it is a very hard time for them and their families.

Wishing you the Lord's peace and joy this New Year, From: The Emmaus Team in Nazareth.

South Australia.

John & Karen Short



Greetings in the Precious Name of our Lord Jesus Christ at year's end. And what a full and blessed year 2025 has been

We want to greet and thank you for your exceptional care, support, and encouragement since we have returned to Australia.

We have proven again the marvellous grace of GOD sufficient as we have adjusted to life in liveable, lovely Adelaide.

When we first lived in Asia, in Hong Kong before it became part of China, HK's sense of existence was "We are a borrowed place on borrowed time." The borrowed time ran out, and the rest is history. But by GOD's grace and goodness, we ourselves have continued to live on another borrowed time and borrowed place.

We have often used the word "borrow" and have borrowed a mantra from an esteemed brother whose path of faith has been a great encouragement. The mantra is, "SAY LITTLE - SERVE ALL - PASS ON."

Back in Adelaide, South Australia, we are continually thankful for the opportunities and open doors here. We attempt to say as little as necessary on China and our life there, lest we bore friends with overload. Thankfully, close friends "zone out" when the overload is too much. We all learn like those of old who entered Canaan, that all of us are no longer to be fed automatically with manna and quails. We all, like them in Canaan need to earn a living from the ordinary shekel, unless, as is our lot, to be called to labour in and live on the Gospel. The principle of grace, faith, and truth in the glorious Gospel is still the same and works for all of GOD's children.

A local brother in the Unley Assembly recently enquired, "What is the CBR?" We supplied him with the following answer and believe it may be helpful to you also.

John & Karen Short

CHRISTIAN BOOK ROOM HISTORY

The Christian Book Room is a Gospel and Assembly literature outreach ministry, begun by missionaries in China in the early 20th century.

When it came up for sale several decades ago, we believed the Lord would have us bid for this 100-year-long historic ministry, to use and maintain it in its original vision for China.

We were blessed in 1980 with an inheritance that enabled us to purchase this non-denominational outreach for China.

Once we had established operations, we decided to operate on the principle of choice: either make a freewill donation or accept the requested materials as gifts from the Lord Jesus Himself. We have included further titles in the ministry by esteemed past and present Assembly writers in English and Chinese. We now present several hundred titles of free-of-cost to those seeking benefit from what we believe to be helpful Gospel material.

Consequently, we have been greatly assisted in China with three willing, faithful co-workers as trustees there. Other co-workers/trustees have been added from Europe, the U.S.A., Singapore, and Australia. This well-known, China-registered company, CBR, in Chinese is “Jidu Fuyin Shuju,” which, when translated, means “Christ’s Gospel Book Depot.”

CBR is not a Book Shop, nor is it dependent upon digital AI procedures. With P & P material, i.e., Print & Paper, we believe this is another, but suitable for us, way to present the Gospel.

The invitations have continued to invite co-workers and assemblies of believers in China to return visits. Our reply remains the same – “Not just yet. Perhaps later as the Lord opens the way.”

In November, we felt the need for a statement on being The Little Child, and how we become the children of GOD. John 1:12 We close the year with our sincerest appreciation for your

continued consideration of the Gospel outreach we have in China, here and elsewhere.

Talca Chile

Anne Reid



It is summer time here in Chile, and it has been very hot, so we have to make some adjustments in our activities. As the children are on vacation, we are having Vacation Bible Schools in Talca and some of the surrounding areas. I am so thankful to the Lord that I am still able to be active - I do not have as many classes as years ago (I arrived in Talca in 1965, and with Doris McBride we had VBS in different parts of Talca as well as in Gualleco). But the Lord continues to give strength to still be able to have classes in a number of different parts of Talca and surrounding areas. Because the children are reluctant to get up in the mornings and it is so hot in the afternoons, we have the classes at



noon in some of these places. Even then some are still in bed.

Sunday School program

Last week we had classes at the hall where I am in fellowship. Because there is a good sized group of teenage boys, we invited Renato Albornoz to take that group in a separate class. He was serving the Lord in Ecuador for about twenty years, but returned to Gualleco where he grew up, about a year ago. The boys enjoyed his classes, as well as the craft and other activities we had after the Bible studies. A number of the sisters helped with the activities. The younger sisters help with the different activities and when there are younger children, they take them in a separate class.

We had a week in the town of San Clemente before the week at the hall. This week I go to Gualleco and will be working with Renato and his wife. Renato plans to go to surrounding villages to get the children and take them to the classes. Then there are other places in Talca and surrounding areas for the following two or three weeks. So your prayers

are very much appreciated. The assembly in Las Américas is to have two weeks of gospel



Bible study with single sisters

meetings with Andrew Kluge joining them, and they are to have children's classes before the gospel meeting. The young people in the La Florida assembly are having VBS at their hall, and also want to do some open air classes. So it is great to see their interest.

During the school year I am able to work with two groups of girls interned in group Homes. The teens are not very interested in the things of the Lord, but there are a few who come to the classes and we thank the Lord that we can tell them of the Savior. The younger ones come and go, sometimes they will all be at the weekly class, other times only a few. I had them a few at a time here to my home as a special treat. A staff member came with them. Some of the girls have severe emotional problems so it is a precaution. But it is a real privilege to be able to work with these girls and tell them that God loves them.

Once a month the older single girls come for a time of **prayer** and Bible study and we look forward to being together. A small group of university girls have also been coming on another Saturday. Two of these girls had stopped attending Sunday School when they entered university, but are happy to come here, so I am glad for the contacts. Your **prayers** for them will be appreciated.

There are a number of older sisters who are not well and find it difficult to get out, so I try to visit them and encourage them. I am thankful that I am still able to drive, as it makes it so much easier to get around. Your **prayers** for safety is appreciated. Chile has changed so much over the years and there is a lot of crime, drugs and violence. But we have full liberty to preach the gospel. May we take full advantage of this. Although the Lord continues to enable me to be active, I don't know how long I will be able to continue. But for now the Lord gives the strength needed. Thank you for **praying**.

Rancagua, Chile

David & Ruth Ann Rodgers

Ruth Ann and I were greatly blessed to be raised in Christian homes where the testimony of the Lord Jesus in the assemblies and its growth around the world had an important place. We met when I went to university and

shared our interest and commitment to gospel work in local monthly visitation, tracts, and children's meetings. We were married in 1973 and commended to the work of the Lord in January 1975. In 1977, we arrived in Chile, invited by bro. Ernie Moore, who, with his wife Kay and family, was working in Osorno, in the southern X Region. In 1979, we moved north to San Felipe with David and Evelyn Jones and Margaret Ronald, filling out the time in service and new experiences until our first furlough. While there we became exercised about the VI Region, with its capital city Rancagua, a whole region in which there was no assembly nor active work; when we returned to Chile in Sept. 1983, I began making trips down to Rancagua, visiting contacts; in December I found a small store front for rent, and although I didn't have any money to pay the guarantee, the owner kept it for me until the following trip, and there we started meetings. The first Breaking of Bread was in August 1986. Between then and now, we have been blessed by the formation of assemblies in Machalí and Rosario.



David & Ruth Ann Rodgers

There are also two outreach works: in Rengo, with weekly children's meetings over the past several years; and in San Fernando, where several baptized believers live and in nearby communities. At present, we are about halfway through a hall building project. Since San Fer



Outreach prize day in Rengo

nando is about 60 km South of Rancagua, we trust it will be a new expansion area for other communities to the south and west, towards the ocean. There are already believers living in several towns and cities who are asking for preaching points to be opened in their communities. Lord willing, once the extra summer activity has let up somewhat, we hope to be able to do a biweekly circuit of visits to nurture these contacts and their families.

We were blessed by the arrival of two commended couples, Andrew and Martina Kluge from Canada, in July 1990. Also from Rancagua Chile came Camilo and Jessica Vasquez. Both couples have gone on to other new fields of service in Chile. We continue to pray for more workers, raised by the Lord locally from Chile, or commended as missionaries from abroad.

I experienced two strokes last year (end of March and end of May), and while very thankful for recovery, it was a shocking reminder that advancing age and weakness are a reality! So, we are praying for the renewal of full-time workers for Chile. The Lord's commission to us is still valid, and is our purpose, privilege, and passion. At the same time, the completion of the task is not limited to our lifetime nor vitality; as the Lord said to Joshua, "You are old and advanced in years, and there remains very much land yet to be possessed. This is the land that yet remains..." We would ask you to join us in prayer.

St. Lucia

Phil & Trena Gould



Phil & Trena Gould (Seraiah, Titus, & Vashti)

In 2017 we were commended to the grace of God from the Parkview Street Gospel Hall in Winnipeg. It has now been just over eight years since we arrived on island with our three children. We came knowing the Lord had called us to serve Him here but not knowing exactly which areas He desired us to focus on.

A small fishing village called Anse la Raye had been on my heart and gospel work commenced in that village. There are also seven local assemblies, most which are smaller in number and generally getting older in age, where we felt a burden to seek to assist in building up with teaching and helping in assembly meetings. Gospel work in Anse la Raye began initially with gospel meetings and then focused on children's work over the course of 3

years. The village is also visited each week for street evangelism and the distribution of gospel literature. We are still looking to our Lord for salvation of souls in this village. The onset of COVID changed our focus, closing the door to children's work, but personal witnessing and street work has continued these eight years.

With one door closed, our Lord graciously opened a door of opportunity for us in the teaching of the next generation. In His grace some have been saved over the past five years. Both Trena and I have taken responsibility for individual Bible studies with these young men and women, often needing to start with the very basics

of the Bible and Christian living. There are some that have brought us great joy as they grasped truths, grew spiritually and bowed to the Lord. Others have not progressed well spiritually, and we ask for your prayers for each.

At a similar time, the Lord opened the door to begin a Saturday Bible Class in our home with younger believers, focusing on the few teenage ones associated with families that are a part of four assemblies within a 30-minute drive. This has been a real blessing also for our own three children in developing friendships. The Bible class has been held in sessions through the past five years and there would be about 10-12 from the ages of 13-25 that regularly attend. We are grateful for spiritual growth and really value your prayers for the preservation of these younger believers. Future assembly testimony requires those who are willing to dedicate

themselves to the Lord and develop their gifts for the edification of all. Lord willing, these times of teaching will continue this year.



Saturday Bible Class

We are thankful for the ability to print on island a customized version of the International Bible House gospel calendar. The number printed has grown substantially with 32,000 printed and distributed at the end of 2025.



The calendars are asked for by many and is a great work for believers in the assemblies to be involved with. With an island population of just 180,000 there are a large majority of homes that are impacted by the gospel in this manner.

We would ask for your **prayers** as we seek to work among the local assemblies with an in-

creased focus this year on teaching both in series of ministry and in weekly Bible readings. We are constantly being reminded that 'Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it'. Ps 127:1

Romania

Paul & Sue Williams

How quickly 2025 has passed. What follows are a few insights into how the Lord is working in Romania. All the praise and glory go to Him for the salvation of people and local assemblies being strengthened numerically and spiritually.



Bible teaching: Over the last year, with the Lord's help, I have held ministry meetings in 52 assemblies, and we **pray** that the saints who gathered have been edified and strengthened spiritually. Spending significant time in the North has meant regular visits to many local assemblies in the city and County of Suceava. It has been encouraging to see large numbers of keen young people in the meetings. Increasingly, elders in various local assemblies are requesting specific subjects to be taught.

In addition to these meetings, intensive systematic Bible studies have recommenced. Monthly studies on 1 Thessalonians in Bacău

continue for believers from assemblies in the city and County of Bacău. The monthly Saturday (4 hours) Bible studies, a detailed overview of the Old Testament, in Alexandria, County of Teleorman, saw very good interest. Last Saturday (3 hours), similar monthly studies (a detailed overview of the New Testament) commenced with the Craiova Assembly. Also, two evenings each month (2 hours) are spent conducting studies for believers from assemblies in the Counties of Giurgiu and Teleorman in Pietrișu.

It is encouraging to teach and guide a younger generation of believers whose parents were in Bible study groups in the 1990s/2000s. Their sharp minds and keen interest keep us on our toes. Maintaining contact with younger men from different backgrounds has been beneficial. Some are developing as the Bible teachers and continue to be guided by elders in local assemblies. They have many questions, and it is a privilege to discuss the Scriptures with them and in the homes of many other Christian families.

We pray that assemblies may continue to be built up and strengthened for His glory and that souls will be saved. We are grateful for what the Lord has done through so many believers over many years.

Palo Negro, Venezuela

Samuel & Sharon Ussher



I have been asked to write a report on the Lord's work in Venezuela and the current state of affairs here. We do so desiring that God will receive all the glory and that it will stimulate the Lord's people to continue in prayer for the work, the workers, and the Christian's here.

Due to the political turmoil at the end of last year, there was uncertainty as to whether the Christmas conferences could be held. Still, God gave assurance, and His faithfulness was once again manifested. Almost 2,000 believers gathered at the conference in Puerto Caballo to hear the word of God over 3 days. Around 600 believers attended the conference in Maracay, where the Lord's presence was very evident, giving His people encouragement and comfort through His Word. We were glad to have the visit of three Venezuelan Brethren who serve the Lord in Colombia (Jose Batioja, Miguel Castro & Jose Yopez) and our brother Jose Delgado, who serves the Lord in Peru. One of the conference sessions was set aside for reports on the Lord's Work in these lands, and we pray that younger believers will be encouraged to consecrate their lives to the service of God.

At the start of the year, we had the privilege of sharing a week of ministry meetings with brother Jose Batioja in one of the assemblies in Maracay, from whence he was commended to the grace of God. There are four assemblies in the city, and their support was much appreciated. On the Lord's Day, after the gospel meeting, three believers were baptized, bringing much joy to the assembly.

On Saturday afternoon, we held the first monthly ministry meeting of the assemblies in this area. We gathered in the small assembly in Tiguigue, and although attendance was lower than in previous years due to transport costs, the Lord's people were encouraged as three brethren spoke words from God.

**Samuel & Sharon and family
Richard, Aisney, and German**



**Bi-monthly ministry meeting in Valencia,
January 2026**

The following week, I travelled each afternoon to help the assembly in Tocuyito with the ministry of the word of God. It is located in the greater Valencia area and has experienced difficulties in recent years. It was encouraging to see the Lord's people respond to the Word of God. On the Saturday afternoon, we had the privilege of being at the bi-monthly Ministry Meeting of the Valencia area in the hall of the Las Parcelas assembly. Almost 500 Believers attended, and five of the Lord's servants took part. There are 17 assemblies in the greater Valencia area and almost as many outreach works where Gospel Halls have already been built. The assemblies have a good exercise to preach the gospel and work among the children, using the gift that God has raised in each assembly. There is no full-time worker in that area, and there is a great need for the teaching of the Word of God. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest, Matt. 9:38.

Last week was spent with the assembly in Guacara for the Ministry Meeting to mark 80 years of assembly testimony there. Mr Eddie Fairfield laboured there and gave valuable help after the assembly was formed. The believers still meet in the Gospel Hall he built. God is

faithful and able to sustain each golden lampstand for His glory. Mr and Mrs Neal Thompson made their home there in their later years, giving valued help.

On Saturday, we travelled to San Fernando, in the state of Apure, to help with the bi-monthly Ministry Meeting of the three assemblies in that area. It was a joy to be with them again and see almost 200 believers gathered on a hot afternoon to hear the ministry of the Word of God. It's almost 50 years since the first assembly was formed as a result of the labours of Mr Joe Turkington and my father. After Mr Turkington passed away, my father spent time there every year seeking to build up the work. There are now two assemblies in the city and another assembly in the countryside.

We passed through Calabozo on our way to San Fernando. It brought to mind much labour in the gospel there by my father and other workers that apparently didn't yield fruit. Later, we spent several years preaching the gospel on Saturdays but with little result. But a few years ago, the door opened, and one of our Venezuelan fellow workers moved there and has seen the hand of God in the same areas where the gospel was preached in the past. We rejoice to see fruit after many days.



**Group of believers who met to give out
tracts and gospel texts in San Mateo,
January 2026**

We arrived home in time to attend the gospel meeting in Palo Negro, where we live. The assembly will be starting gospel meetings tonight

in the home of a sister. Prayer is appreciated that God will work in the salvation of precious souls. We will commence Ministry Meetings tonight with the assembly in Paya, in view of the baptism of four believers next weekend, Lord willing.

What we have recounted is a sample of the work being done across this country. Assemblies are exercised to preach the gospel, and the Lord's Servants are reaching out to other areas, but there is a vast need. There are currently 26 commended workers, but more are needed. A number of our dear brethren are elderly and have health issues; we commit them to your prayers. Our brother Kenny Turkington

suffered a fall in December, resulting in a head injury, and he is still recovering slowly. A young couple, J. Alberto and Aixa Heredia, were commended to the work at the end of last year. We thank God for this.

There are currently 205 assemblies in the country, and we praise God for the happy fellowship among them all. We ask you to pray that this will continue for the glory of God.

Many believers are aware of the events here at the start of the year. Since then, there has been a tense calm; the people hardly know what to expect, but we know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men. Pray that conditions favourable to the Gospel will continue.



**Preachers at Puerto Cabello, Venezuela
Conference, December 2025**

Front, left to right: Pedro Malave, Andrew Turkington, Gelson Villegas, Noel McKeown, Jose Mujica, Nehemias Sequera, Samuel Rojas.

Back, left to right: Hanan Sequera, Adin Sequera, José Yopez (Colombia), Eduardo Jiménez, Ruben Mendoza, José Batioja (Colombia), Jorge Gómez, William Turkington, J Alberto Heredia, Miguel Castro (Colombia), José Delgado (Peru), Alejandro Trías, Mario Vargas.

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