

When it rains, it pours... and such is the case in East Caracas, not because we are in the middle of the rainy season, but because of the pace of the church activities. July and August are always busy months since it leads into and is the start of summer vacation. I just returned from the **Central Venezuelan Youth Camp** where we took advantage of a few days of no school for the young people. Leadership was the theme and over 160 were in attendance. (Don't forget to look at all the pictures: [www.MichelleMissions.com](http://www.MichelleMissions.com)) Many of our young adults from East Caracas were unable to participate because of their work schedules, but they will be able to take off for a special campaign coordinated by the East Caracas congregation to the Amazon August 17-24. Please be in prayer for this special event, the travel, the evangelistic focus and the new program we will be able to present to the children.

In June, we celebrated the new birth of **Dostoievsky Paredes**. You may remember him as the host of our Congregational End-of-the-Year Party in 2006. He was a generous and kind-hearted man, but was resistant to obeying the gospel. He had been in ill health and God continued to give him the opportunity for a personal relationship with Him. Six weeks after his baptism, Dostoievsky passed on to the eternal resting place. He will be missed, but we rejoice in the assurance that we will see him again.

Unfortunately, I missed his baptism since I was in **Puerto La Cruz** assisting in a **campaign** to start a new congregation in Lechería, the suburb in which Denis and Robbie Ruiz live (missionaries also supported by the South Baton Rouge Church of Christ). The evenings were spent in a home Bible study style campaign and in the afternoons, I led a series of classes with the young women about My Relationship with God, with the World, and with Others. The classes were well-received and Denis and Robbie, along with the church in Puerto La Cruz are following up on the contacts made through the campaign. It is such a blessing to work as a nation-wide team of servants and believers.

Someone new will be joining that team August 14. Jonathan Hanegan has made a two-year commitment to the work in East Caracas. Please be in prayer for his arrival and the blessing that will be for the work in East Caracas. He will also be working with us in all aspects of the ministry, but I'm especially excited for what he will be able to do with the young people and the support he will be in the Evangelistic English Classes. One of the groups just graduated from the beginning level and three of those ladies have attended church on several occasions and are interested in more personal Bible study. Martha and Myrian most recently visited on the day we had a congregational potluck in conjunction with the World Cup final game. This was a special Sunday afternoon activity,

which also brought about a special time of fellowship, Bible study and working together for the women the day before. We met in my apartment for our regular monthly Ladies' Bible Study and then everyone stayed to help cook the Sunday potluck meal. What a blessing!

At the end of July, I was also able to conduct a **Ladies' Day on Purity** in the city of **San Felipe** (right). Two young ladies accompanied me (Evelyn pictured below) and it added to the innumerable experiences I have had in Venezuela filled with blessings, challenges, and joy.

*Thanks again for your prayers and support! M.*

**Please pray for the following:**

- Non-Christian Studies: Zulmelly, María de Pilar, Lolimar, Beatriz M., Josefina, Antonietta, Irma, Fauta, Yanira, Ivelis, Beatriz G.
- Christian/Discipleship Studies: Vanessa, Mercedes, Ana, Rosa, Evelyn, and Fabiola
- Thanking God for His innumerable blessings
- The growth of the church in East Caracas
- The brothers growing in leadership
- My transition moving to the U.S. Feb. 2007
- Our own meeting place
- Your involvement in this work.

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