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FACEBOOK: Jerry Alford

Dear Churches and Friends,

Greetings in the wonderful name of our Great God, and Saviour, Jesus Christ!

THE CHURCH: The church averaged 34 souls last month, which is a small increase, about 9 of them are children. The Lord has been good to us and the church is growing and rejoicing in Christ. In our last letter we noted that three were baptized and we now have two more ready. I have had to cancel other activities as there may be violence in the streets. The Lord has given us a good location to rent and it has been a blessing. Many Venezuelans have moved out of the country to the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico. I have been invited to preach in Mexico by a former member of our church. This is not very far from Venezuela.

BAPTIST SEMINARY: We have finished our first month of studies with 17 students going forward. Three of these could be pastors one day. Please pray that God will continue blessing the seminary.

VENEZUELA: There has been much violence here. One of our members went to visit a family member who was jailed for protesting and she was put in prison for 45 days. They will decide if she gets six years of imprisonment. Barbara had to be rushed out of Venezuela for her safety. Our apartment building was attacked and gased with tear gas. Plus bullets were flying. To understand you would have to be here. I have an extra small bed here. Our water and gas goes on and off every day, mostly off. Our safety has been at maximum risk. You who are on facebook can see pictures and get a day by day look of events here. Once the police and then the army was shooting where I was standing. Now private shipping has been prohibited, therefore we can not get food and other items shipped to us. The food lines have gone down, because there is almost no food in the stores and the forecast is, it is going to get worse. Four people were found in sacks behind our church building and a young man was machined gun down across the road from the church. Of course, in our every day goings it is not so visible. Yes, I am staying at my post and in 30 days, we will see how things are and see when Barbara can return. I am not complaining, but rather just letting you know to pray.



Thank you for your prayers and support,

Missionary in Venezuela

Jerry Alford

This letter is being sent out by e-mail and regular mail, to many of our friends. **Send us your e-mail** and we will add you to the list.
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