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

ORDINATION: Brother Carlos E. Arrieta E. was ordained to the Gospel Ministry this month. I have personally ordained about ten men of God over the years. Brother Arrieta is from Cumana. We help to recover the church he is from, about three years ago. They now have their pastor, (Juan Felix) and the mission in Cariaco. Brother Arrieta is a High School teacher and now the pastor of the Family of God Baptist Church. God has used him here in the church over the last eight months. He headed up the Vacation Bible School under my leadership. There were many professions of faith and new attendance in church. It is a blessing to have another soldier of the cross ordained in the ministry here in Venezuela. Pastor Fernando Salvatierra assisted me in the service, as well as our ordained deacon, Jean Carlos Hidalgo.

NEGATIVE AND POSITIVE POINTS IN THE MINISTRY: I never like giving out negative points, but I must share our reality. The Baptist Churches in Venezuela have suffered from a 50% or higher emigration. That means over half of the members have left the country. Plus, because there is not a minimum enrollment in the Seminary, we are waiting to start. In August 2019, we pray to start the new year of the Seminary. It is like winning 10 and losing six to emigration. I am not complaining, just explaining.

POSITIVE... The six-week effort in evangelism was a blessing. Twenty-four received our Bible lessons, on the topic of Salvation. One adult is waiting on baptism. Six new visitors have come to the church. Five more families plan on coming, therefore we are happy. These are from the apartment area that have 20,000 people, we have been evangelizing. Plus, I broadcast Bible classes on Facebook with 150 to 850 viewers. These are lessons for Christians and not evangelistic.

Surely there will be much news about Venezuela on CNN and Fox etc. Please remember us in your prayers.

Thank you for your prayers and support!

Missionary in Venezuela

Jerry Alford

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