

Report from Dewayne, Rita, and Antonio Shappley

Part 2. May 18, 2023.

Dear Brethren, included in this Part 2 of the Report for the first months of 2023, are photographs of the Barinas, Venezuela congregation, its works, and some fruits thereof, of evangelists in Venezuela, and also four personal ones.

Right: **December 22, 2022. Dewayne and Rita Shappley** celebrate their **65th Wedding Anniversary** in their home in Tamarac, Florida. For that date, Rita was 82 years and 1 month old; Dewayne was 85 and 4 months. In February 2023, Dewayne and Rita completed 65 years of full-time ministry in God's Kingdom.

Focus on the church in Barinas, Venezuela



At its highest point of growth before the exodus of members due first to political-social unrest, then also to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, this congregation had more than 500 members and was meeting in a rented theater in the middle of the city, for which they paid \$100.00 monthly.

When COVID struck, governmental directives obligated the members to stop meeting in the theater, and this circumstance continued for more than two years.

In order not to lose that strategic location, Antonio decided to continue paying, as a part of his own contributions, the monthly rent during the time the church was not meeting in that facility. About a year ago, the owner increased the rent to \$200.00 monthly.



During the last months of 2022, the congregation started meeting in the theater again. Some 350 were present for the above Sunday service in the rented theater.

Since, through financial support, tracts, other printed materials, food, and clothing, the Shappley's, mostly Antonio, have contributed substantially to the welfare of the Barinas church during the last three years of trials brought about by COVID and political-social unrest in Venezuela, we thought it proper to share information on that church with you who make possible our own works. Other Christians have also contributed generously. Congratulations to the leadership of that congregation and all members who have remained faithful and active in the face of severe hardships are decidedly in order.



Evangelism by Barinas brethren. The man on the right appears to be undernourished, weak, and perhaps ill. In his right hand, he is holding tracts we sent to the Barinas church. With an open Bible in his hands, a brother from that church teaches and encourages the despondent-looking man, offering him hope and salvation.

Baptisms through works of the church in Barinas, Venezuela

9 during the last 4 months of 2022

The lists below were sent to Antonio by the Barinas church leadership.

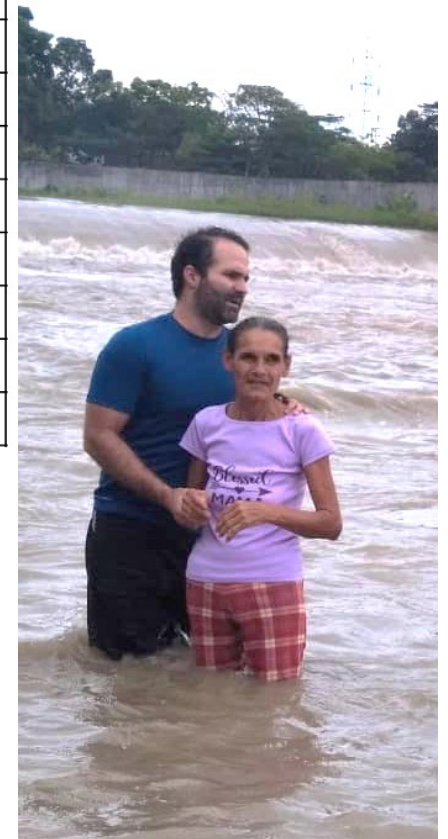
Lista de Bautismos Septiembre - Diciembre año 2022

Nº	Nombres y Apellidos	Dirección	F/Bautismo
1	Maria Luisa Castillo	Curbati	01/09/2022
2	Mary Rosales Greco		07/09/2022
3	Keiliannys Alexandra Olivares	Ciudad Tavacare Sector C Apto. 31 Bloque 47	11/09/2022
4	Maria Soazo		13/09/2022
5	Cristina Suazo		13/09/2022
6	Greisy Rumbo		12/10/2022
7	Leidy España		20/10/2022
8	Leocadio Rangel		09/11/2022
9	Jairo Pereira		08/12/2022

23 baptisms in 2023 through May 7

Lista de Bautismos Enero - Mayo año 2023

Nº	Nombres y Apellidos	Dirección	F/Bautismo
1	Luisa Zapata		05/01/2023
2	Carmen Guerra		19/01/2023
3	Francisco Andrades		19/01/2023
4	Angel Castellanos		19/01/2023
5	Johelin Hernandez		29/01/2023
6	Kemberlin Athamaica Avilés Lizcano		05/02/2023
7	Roberto Oviedo		16/02/2023
8	Adelaida Castillo		18/02/2023
9	Orlimar Garrido		03/03/2023
10	Tony Medina		05/03/2023
11	Luis Mota		05/03/2023
12	Graciela Contreras		12/03/2023
13	Kevin Portillo		26/03/2023
14	Tomas Sánchez		26/03/2023
15	Daniel Aragon		26/03/2023
16	Mía Urquiola		05/04/2023
17	Cipriano Méndez		06/04/2023
18	María Guillermina		06/04/2023
19	Yenny Santiago		10/04/2023
20	Mario Morales		10/04/2023
21	Edith León		07/05/2023
22	José Duque		07/05/2023
23	Pablo Guerra		07/05/2023





Ángel Castellanos, Francisco Andrade,
and Carmen Guerra are baptized.

Yudith Reyes,
Pedro
González,
Eliecer
Solorsano, and
David
Ballesteros are
baptized in
Bruzual,
Apure,
Venezuela.



Tony Medina and Luis
Mota are baptized.

Below. Sept. 16, 2022. These members of the Barinas congregation distributed food, coffee, and tracts in parts of the city.



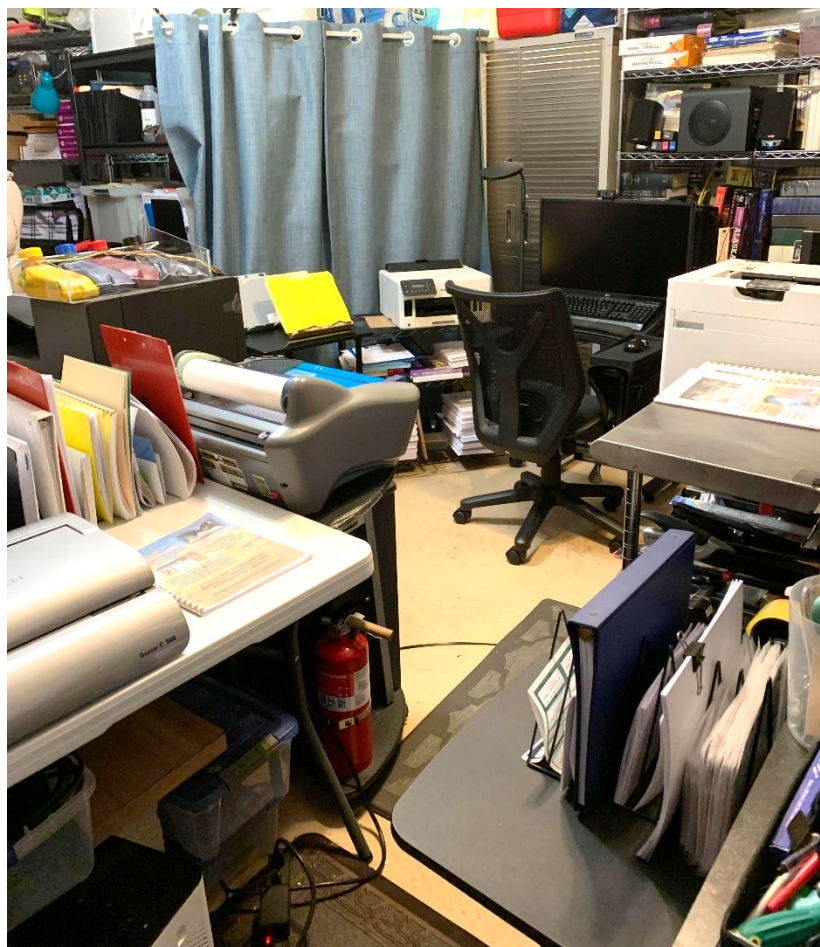
Below. A nation-wide meeting of evangelists of churches of Christ in Venezuela in 2022.



Right. A view of the space in our garage I use for producing tracts, booklets, books, and compact disks, and where I also work on our Internet sites.

On the left, a partial view of the spiral binding machine, then the laminator, and, with a continuous ink supply system on top, an HP-451 page-wide printer.

On the right, a folding table, and a steel table useful for many procedures, and to the right of the latter, the white Epson ET-5840 duplexing printer which has already produced more than 80,000 impressions. Not visible on the other side is the Dell desktop and a Canon GX 5050 duplexing printer. In the back, a black, mesh office chair in front of a keyboard and a 27-inch monitor, and, to the left, another Canon GX 5050 duplexing printer. With the one computer, I can have these three printers working at the same time. The three print in full color.



Antonio Shappley, and his mother, **Rita**, in the kitchen of Antonio's house in Coral Springs. About 7 miles north of where Rita and I live in Tamarac.

In a walled-off section of the garage of Antonio's house are the highspeed Baum folder, an electric paper cutter, a paper jogger, a Brother duplexing printer, an HP-452 page-wide duplexing printer Antonio hopes to get working properly, and much shelving for paper and materials produced, plus flat areas for packing.

Right. The last of three, almost identical bunches of bananas which grew on stalks very close to each other on the left side of our house, the three bunches reaching maturity at just about the same time. Rita counted 210 bananas on the three stalks and shared some with several neighbors. Also gave some to the pet rabbit “Pepper” belonging to the Antonio Shappleley family. That rabbit loves to eat bananas!

Makes us remember all the bananas, plantains, papayas, and other fruits we harvested around our house and the printing plant in Puerto Rico!



Part 3 will provide data on additional aspects of the works we carry on with God's help and your generous support.

Your servant in the Lord,

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