

Report from Dewayne, Rita, and Antonio Shappley

To Sept. 30, 2023

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Sessions (Visits) and Documents Opened.

For the year 2023 to September 30, and Global.

Sessions (visits)

For the **Year 2023**, to September 30.....**790,385**

Daily average for the first nine months of 2023: **2,793**.

Global, from January 1, 2003, to September 30, 2023.....**24,806,173**

Documents opened.

For the **Year 2023**, to September 30.....**1,528,061**

Global, from January 1, 2003, to September 30, 2023.....**47,339,716**

Data for the year 2023 on Antonio's site of 172 hymns

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Visits for January 1 – September 30, 2023.....**9,650**

Hymns accessed for these nine months.....**12,691**

Tracts produce fruits and spiritual growth in the Church of Christ in Chilpancingo, Guerrero, Mexico.

Sept. 11, 2023. *"May you have a good evening, beloved Bro. Homero. I hope in the Lord you are in excellent health, together with your beautiful family, and that the church may be enjoying robust spiritual health. Brother, a big favor, please. We need your help and understanding with regard to helping us with more tracts for evangelism, for we have run out of those you sent and need more. **Thanks to the tracts sent, the Church of Christ in Chilpancingo is growing in number and in love.** We hope we can count on great help from you. May God be with you."* Ulises Bustos Perez, evangelist. ulisesbp1970@yahoo.com.mx. Telephone: 747.128.1919. Ulises requests 13,500 tracts of eleven different titles. In a subsequent E-mail, he asked if that amount could be doubled.

Managua, Nicaragua, Villa Miguel Gutiérrez. Sept. 6, 2023. Evangelist Hoswaldo Perrales, right, with a megaphone, on a street of Managua, the capital of Nicaragua, requests that we send him a 24" x 24" x 24" box of materials for his works in the Kingdom of God. From Puerto Rico, we sent Hoswaldo quantities of tracts, etc., and will try, Lord willing, to coordinate with him a shipment from where we are now located. As reported previously, there are 180 congregations in Nicaragua, with about 20,000 members. That country is presently undergoing rather tumultuous times, so I am informed.

San Juan, Puerto Rico, Urb. Park Gardens, Church of Christ. Continued use of tracts and their effectiveness.

Since our move to Tamarac, Florida seven and a half years ago, the Park Gardens church has requested, and paid for, quantities of tracts, has purchased, for our work here, one of the Canon printers we use to print tracts, and has contributed to cover other expenses. On behalf of the congregation, Sister Dalila Guzmán, a physician by profession, writes: *"We all recognize the great evangelistic work you have done for so many years and we are thankful to you for it. The tracts are a very effective medium for bringing souls to Christ. Sis. Carmen Rodríguez was converted to Christianity, thanks to the literature distributed for years by the Park Gardens church."* Dated April 9, 2023.



This same **Sis. Carmen Rodríguez** wrote: *"Esteemed Bro. Shappley, greetings. I have been meeting with the Park Gardens church for 17 years. I have had the experience of hearing what the brethren say about you and your family. Always with words of praise and thanksgiving for your teaching and how you made yourselves a part of the Puerto Rican people."* Excerpts from her letter dated April 8, 2023.

Park Gardens was the first congregation we helped to begin in Puerto Rico in 1966. It was here, in 1993, that five key brethren, including myself, began what developed into the most effective leadership training program on the island. It was known as: "The School of Advanced Bible Studies of Churches of Christ in Puerto Rico." Functioning for 23 consecutive years, we developed a curriculum for Two, Four, and Six-Year Certificates, and added post graduate studies which I had the privilege of teaching for a number of years. Most of the students had a bachelor's degree or higher from secular universities. Some became teachers in the "School."

April 2, 2023. *"Dewayne, Rita, and Antonio, thank you for sharing your work with me. I am so impressed with the massive work that you guys are doing. Thanks again. Jan and Joe Drisdorn."* We have much pleasant fellowship with this couple of the congregation where we attend in Plantation, FL, and gave them a copy of one of our reports.

Cuba. July 17, 2023. *"For a time, I was receiving your magnificent materials and tracts on various subjects, which were of much spiritual benefit to me and others. It would take me a long time to explain all that has taken place socially, as well as in the church here, but I am willing to continue preaching the Gospel of our Lord. If you can send me more literature, that would be very good for me and others. A brotherly greeting. Osmanys Denis Pérez."*

For two or three years, we could send, by US mail, packages of materials to Cuba, weighing up to 13 ounces. Then, all service to Cuba was suspended. I have three packages I have been holding for Osmanys and will try to send them again the next time I take a shipment to the post office. Osmanys and the congregation he had formed in his house were associated

with the Baptist church. When that organization found out that Osvany's had begun to preach the sound doctrine he learned through the materials we sent him, they broke their ties with him.

India. Sept. 6, 2023. With regard to the all-English site "The Spirit of Truth and Prophecies," www.spiritofprophecies.com, two employees of Google in India spent about two hours helping me to understand and put into practice some procedures to improve responses to the site. One of them, Aman Upadhyay, remarked: *"It is a beautiful site, and, as a matter of fact, I have read some of the articles. The site merits exposure."* Well, granted, ulterior considerations might have motivated those comments, however, I did not think so given the context of our exchanges at the moment. Anyway, considering the general layout, formatting, quantities of images, and video clips of the site's 112 documents, I should hope there would be some truth in those observations.

Maracay, Venezuela. July 26, 2023. *"I inform you that on July 25, 2023, the Central Church of Christ in Maracay, Venezuela received two boxes containing tracts, 12 Bibles, and some clothing. We thank you for your cooperation with us in the evangelistic work that we are carrying out. A thousand thanks."* Richard Evora. The type of boxes sent can hold up to 70 pounds.

Barinitas, Venezuela. Aug. 3, 2023. *"May God bless you brother, all the brethren, and your family. I inform you that the boxes were received without any problem, and we have already sent three to the other congregations. Many, many thanks. Our hearts overflow with joy."* Luis Montilla. Four boxes, one each for four different congregations. Each contained tracts, Bibles, and clothing, mostly, pairs of shoes.

Some photographs of three congregations in Venezuela received from the Barinas church leadership. July, August, and September 2023.



How do you baptize an adult in about 20 inches of water? The answer is on the right. This is one of several baptisms reported by the Barinas church for the third quarter of 2023.



Ladies of the Barinas, Venezuela church in one of their activities. August 2023.



A **Small Group** of the approximately 400 member Barinas, Venezuela church. This is one of eight photographs of Small Groups sent to us. Through the West Broward, Plantation, Florida church, a substantial monthly contribution is sent to the Barinas congregation to underwrite some of the expenses they incur in evangelistic and benevolent works, plus the rent of the downtown theater where they have been meeting for years. Antonio continues to manage the transfer of funds, etc.

A new congregation in the town of **Barinitas, Venezuela**, 17 miles northwest of Barinas, is one of the fruits of the evangelistic outreach of the Barinas church.





This is the **Church of Christ in Socopó, Venezuela**, 55 miles southwest of Barinas.

September 2023

An activity of the **youth** of the Barinas, Venezuela church. September 2023.



This report was prepared by Dewayne Shappley. Rita, Antonio, and I are always very thankful to all of you who provide us with the resources to continue the evangelistic and benevolent works made possible by our mutual collaboration, yours and ours.

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