

Brief Report

From Dewayne, Rita and Antonio Shappley

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Barranquilla, Colombia. June 22, 2020. *“God bless you, brother. I would like to use this means of contacting you, since I do not have a church where I can meet in my country of Colombia, for none fulfills what is established in the Bible, but I was able to come to know you. I have liked very much the material on tithes, and I identify with you regarding these doctrinal Bible subjects.*

My name is Manuel M. Molina De La Hoz. I live in Barranquilla, Colombia, and I have been following the gospel for 24 years.

I was attending a church, but left it two days ago because of problems with the leader and the doctrine. Now, I am not attending anywhere, and this is a grave problem for me.

My desire is to form a church that really does teach true Bible doctrines, and I would denounce the abuses that many churches, both liberal and conservative, are committing with respect to tithes, holiness, and other subjects. It seems I do not have a place in any church because of certain doctrinal subjects. I hope you can understand me and can offer me collaborative help.

Many thanks. Manuel M. Molina De La Hoz.”

Notes. Barranquilla, on the Caribbean coast of Colombia, has a population of about 1,230,000. I sent Manuel data on five churches of Christ in Barranquilla. Given the population of the city, it is possible he did not know about any of them. We can now send printed matter to Colombia at a reasonable rate, and informed Manuel of that option. We await his reply.

Manuel replies. July 31, 2020. This very day, the following reply was received from Manuel.

“A cordial greeting, and may the God of Heaven also continue blessing all of you in your beautiful ministries. I received your answer and thank you. I will take your advice and begin the job of seeking to find the church that is closest to me. If I have any doubts, I will not delay in contacting you.” Manuel Molina

Carolina, Puerto Rico. About 10 days ago, a lady called from Carolina, Puerto Rico, delighted to have found our Internet site www.editoriallapaz.org. She had just read the study *“We Invite You to Learn about the Church Christ Established,”* and was almost euphoric in her expressions of praise and thanksgiving at having learned a church like the one in the New Testament does, indeed, exist today. For, as she explained, she had been caught up in the “apostolic Pentecostal movement,” but became increasingly indignant upon realizing how false the doctrines and practices are. I gave her the telephone numbers of the two elders of the Bayamon, Puerto Rico church, and told her where to find the directory of churches of Christ in Puerto Rico on editoriallapaz.org. She found it while we were talking! There are two small congregations in Carolina, a part of metropolitan San Juan, and others in the general area.

With brotherly love, and thanksgiving, in Christ,

Dewayne