

Report from Dewayne, Rita and Antonio Shappley

September 30, 2018



Sept. 16, 2018. **Ariel Lahoz**, 32 years old, was baptized by Dewayne Shappley, in the baptistry of the West Broward Church of Christ, Plantation, Florida, 1.30 p.m., Sunday afternoon, at the end of the Spanish service.

Raised in a Pentecostal family, in Córdoba, Argentina, and living in the US since he was twelve years old, for two years Ariel had been studying materials prepared by us and available on the **Internet**. He explained that, even from his youth, he had questioned the doctrines and practices of Pentecostalism.

At the time he first called me, about a month ago, he was living in Miami, an hour to the south of us. Some 60% of the West Broward Spanish-speaking congregation live in that area, and I informed two brethren there, Úlbert Romero and David Bozdogan, of the interest Ariel had indicated in visiting the West Broward church. He did begin to attend three weeks before he was baptized.

Informed that a Church of Christ meets in Córdoba, Ariel began urging family members there to attend. While in Puerto Rico, we sent literature, cassettes, etc. to the brethren in Córdoba, who reported the material was useful in helping them to grow.

Ariel requested I baptize him, and I was honored to comply. He now lives in Davie, Florida, much closer to our area. This young man has become a specialist in the installation of tile floors, bathrooms and related crafts.



Internet Statistics for January 1 – September 30, 2018

The **total number of visits** for January 1 – September 30, 2018, is **1,540,164**

The **daily average** for the same period (**273 days**) is..... **5,645**

The **total number of documents** opened by visitors for this period is **2,174,713**
 For **Antonio’s Internet site of 172 hymns**, the number of visits is **54,339**
 The **number of hymns accessed** is **79,246**
 For **eleven video studies on Ephesians** recorded from June through September of 2016,
 ...the **total number of views on YouTube** through Sept. 30, 2018 is **18,884**

Grand Totals from January 1, 2003 through September 30, 2018

The **Grand Total of visits** is **19,195,157**
 The **Grand Total of documents opened** for the same period is **35,312,721**

Detailed monthly data is available at www.editoriallapaz.org/stats.

Literature Ministry Progress

As of **Sept 30, 2018**, we have printed, in South Florida, **836,168 tracts**,
3,992 booklets and **284 books**, since **Dec. 15, 2016**.

Tracts printed in **Florida** **836,168**
 Tracts printed in **Puerto Rico** **23,681,150**
Total tracts printed **24,497,318**

Grand Totals of all Materials produced in Puerto Rico and Florida

Tracts **24,497,318**
 Booklets **428,749**
 Books **34,627**
 Bible Course Lessons **342,350**
 Compact Disks **5,757**
 Cassettes **325,477**
Grand Total **25,634,278**
 Internet documents opened **35,312,721**
Grand Total of all evangelistic and edification instruments provided **60,946,999**



Dewayne’s “Office” in Tamarac, Florida, has completely taken over the one-car garage. A view from where I sit at the computer. A large, sectional couch, which came with the house

when the purchase was made, now takes up part of my "office," but it is quite welcome, because it is very comfortable and a good place to take a nap! The garage-office came with an air-conditioning duct, and, thus, I am blessed indeed.

Eight new tracts in Spanish

Three translated to English, with plans to translate the rest

Nineteen tracts in Spanish, **one tract per letter-size sheet**, have been prepared since we began printing in South Florida, in December of 2016. The format allows for more text, larger fonts and more graphics, but is not particularly suitable for the public less inclined to read or study. Thus, the decision to add **smaller tracts**. Two, even four, per letter-size page. We now have **eight new tracts** of these smaller sizes and are printing large quantities of them. The titles, translated to English, are as follows:

"Approaching God in Search of Pardon, Honor and Eternal Life. Steps to Salvation."

This tract is also available in **English**. One-fold; four pages.

"Beyond Your Suffering..." Available in **English**. One-fold; four pages.

"Travels of the Soul" Available in **English**. One-fold; four pages.

"ONE! Just One. Not Zero." One-fold; four pages.

"That Much Feared DEATH!" One-fold; four pages.

"Which is the True Church?" One-fold; four pages.

"Is Your Baptism Valid Before God?" Four per letter-size sheet. No folding.

"Justice after Death" Two per letter-size sheet. Landscape layout. Two folds.

These subjects are placed on the Internet in **Article format**. A **PDF** of the **Tract format** is provided and can be used by any party to make copies of the tracts or have them printed commercially.

Mark Twain said: *"I didn't have time to write a **short letter**, so I wrote a **long one** instead."* Yes, writing a **short tract** that really communicates enough information to justify its publication is, very definitely, a **tremendous challenge!** There are plenty of short tracts out there that say very little. We are trying hard to avoid that pitfall. Editing and formatting to maximize use of the small area available can also take much time. By the way, my intention was to prepare a report about two months ago, but once I started developing the small tracts, I was highly motivated to continue! And have several more subjects in mind.

Translating these tracts from Spanish to English has three basic purposes. So that supporters of this work may know what the content is. I am using the English versions in my own personal evangelism in this area. Translation helps to discover a lack of clarity or preciseness of expression, and other defects.

The cost of the one-fold, four-page tract is \$0.01 each, in paper and ink, not factoring in equipment. Of the four per page tract: two for one cent. To cover basic subjects, I am placing at least four of them in a clear, 6 x 9, Ziplock type bag, waterproof. The bags cost \$0.03 cents. A total of \$0.07 to place vital, spiritual subjects in the hands of any person or leave at a house!

Three more books and another booklet added to available materials



Left to right. All in Spanish. Spiral bound. 8.5 x 11. Full color. Line separation: 16 points. Laminated front cover. By Dewayne, unless otherwise noted. Sets of these materials are included in some boxes of materials being shipped and are also being shared locally.

Book. *“The Tithes of the Old Testament Were Abolished! Different Laws Are in Force for the Church Subject to the New Testament.”* Six documents by four authors. One unanimous conclusion! Two of the authors, one from Chile, one from Venezuela, were Pentecostal pastors who wrote excellent treatises on the abolition of tithes. 115 pages. Copies printed: **114**.

Book. *“Three Great Spiritual Subjects: Original Sin, The Creation that Groans in Pain and Predestination”* Twelve studies, three with guides for teachers. 147 pages. Copies printed: **57**.

Book. *“Does God Authorize the Use of Musical Instruments in the Worship of the Church?”* In-depth analyses, including the use of Greek terms. Positions of “Church Fathers” and Reformation leaders. Dialogue between Mr. A Capella and Mr. Instrument. 16 studies, 3 of them, specifically on charismatic worship, by Vicente Mercado, of Colombia. 139 pages. Copies printed: **62**.

Booklet. *“Preparing for those Transcendental Moments”* A compilation of the texts of eight tracts, to be used in evangelist work with people who show a serious interest in learning the basics of the gospel of salvation. 52 pages. Content to change as we add or substitute titles. Copies printed: **112**.

We have printed **51 copies** of **“Book I of Sermons,”** described in the previous report. 276 pages. Presentation, 3-ring binder.

Thus, we have available to print, as of this date, **27 tracts in Spanish, 13 tracts in English, 4 books and 1 booklet, in Spanish.**

100,580 tracts to VENEZUELA

According to brethren who have firsthand knowledge, there are about **150 congregations** of churches of Christ in Venezuela.

The population of that deeply troubled country is approximately 30,000,000, a loss of 2,000,000, perhaps more, during the last two or three years, with an estimated 40,000 leaving daily, as of the present.



Left. Brethren in the large city of Maracaibo received 25,000 tracts and prepared this display, I understand, for distribution purposes in public places such as bus stations.

Center. In the part of Antonio’s garage area used for the printing work, the boxes wrapped in black plastic are five, of twenty of the same size, shipped at the same time to Venezuela. They have arrived at a central point in Maracaibo and, from there, most will be sent on by a local freight company to churches throughout Venezuela.

Right. An open box containing tracts, medicines and perhaps food or clothes. A box can weigh as much as 130 pounds. Antonio packed the twenty boxes, and has prepared many more, a time-intensive task to be sure. Every time I offer to help, he replies: *“Keep writing!”*

Scores of boxes of tracts to Mexico



May 7, 2018. Three photographs of a number Bro. José García has sent us.

These photographs were accompanied by the following notes.

“Shipments of tracts to:

César Galván, **Allende, Nuevo León, Mexico**

Víctor Oliva Pérez, **San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico**

Ramón Álvarez, **Chihuahua, Chiapas, Mexico**

Jesús Conrado, **Escobedo, Nuevo León, Mexico**

Francisco Ruiz Sánchez, **Teopisca, Chiapas, Mexico.”**

These are examples of photographs and information Bro. José García has provided.



July 9, 2018. The Church of Christ in **Francisco I. Maderos, Matamoros, Mexico** receives two boxes of tracts and some books. The books held by these two brethren are copies of *“Book I of Sermons.”* 36 full-text sermons. 276 pages. Spanish.

Venezuela Relief Team Report



Left to right. "Who will find medicines and food for us?" Food for a few more days. The elderly, poor and infirm do not have the resources to leave the country. Food purchased with funds sent, to be distributed to needy members.

Hospitals where patients are dependent on family or churches for medicines, food, etc., and medical personnel are scarce. Doctors unable to obtain drugs, antibiotics, etc. Evangelists of the church of Christ who, because they cannot afford to maintain and operate a vehicle, must walk everywhere to attend to the hungry, sick and elderly of the brotherhood. Who often do not have the resources to help them. May not have essentials for their own families. Rampant malnutrition in segments of the population. Contaminated water systems. Astronomical inflation. This is an ongoing and deepening crisis in Venezuela. We can make a difference, especially for many of our suffering fellow Christians.

Your eyes will be opened by seeing a **VIDEO**, prepared by Antonio, at: <https://youtu.be/ZzYMo2RRDtM>

**West Broward Church of Christ
12550 West Broward Blvd., Plantation, Florida 33325**

Do you, or does your congregation, have funds available for benevolent works? If so, would you prayerfully consider a generous donation to help relieve the suffering of so very many in Venezuela, in this time of a true humanitarian crisis there. Especially for our brethren in need of medical supplies, food and other basics.

**Checks made out to "West Broward Church of Christ,"
and marked for "Venezuela Relief." Send to above address, please.**

West Broward members contributed **\$21,200.00**, Sunday, Sept. 09, 2018
to the **Venezuela Relief Fund** administered by the **seven elders of the congregation.**



An incredible journey to do good works. Gerson Gómez, far left, goes from Venezuela to Cúcuta, Colombia, picks up funds at Western Union sent to him and purchases chemotherapy drugs -one of which had to be kept refrigerated- for two sisters in Christ afflicted by cancers. He and his son then made a 680 mile trip to Puerto La Cruz, on the eastern Venezuela coast. After 16 hours and 20 inspections, they arrived at Valencia, at 9 pm, forced to wait for another bus the next day. The ice had melted. A young man overheard Gerson explaining the dilemma, offered his refrigerator and took them to his house. At 5 am, they were able to purchase ice. 12 hours and 12 more inspections brought them to their destination. 28 hours and 32 inspections. Not one time did the police ask for their documents or examine what they were carrying!!! "It was as if we were made invisible by the hand of the Lord," Gerson remarked. Efrain Jiménez (center) and Gustavo Salazar (right) took the treatments on to the cancer patients in critical need of them. Both are daughters of evangelists. Sister Sugey González receives hers, and there is rejoicing!

The following E-mail was sent, Sept. 28, to the West Broward membership, and will be informative for others interested in contributing to the Venezuela Relief fund.

The **Venezuela Relief Team** would like you to know:

2,074 pounds of food, clothing and medical supplies have been sent.

20,000 water purification tablets have been sent.

\$11,320 has been transferred, to date, to 32 different ministers and evangelists in Venezuela who are helping many in their congregations.

Many sick brethren are being treated with medications purchased with the money transferred.

100,580 evangelistic tracts have been sent to help our brethren spread the gospel of salvation.

300 water filters were purchased and are being sent.

Remember Suguey Gonzalez and Marisol Andarcia, two young sisters in Christ, both suffering from cancer? They are receiving treatment, thanks to your contributions.

While the church is already doing a lot (to God be the glory!), much need continues to exist in Venezuela. What can you do?

Bring your donations to room 109 (of the West Broward church building). Non-perishable food, clothing, shoes, diapers, wipes, over the counter medications, and, especially, baby formula. Every week we are shipping to different brethren in need there.

Tell your Facebook friends about the West Broward Church of Christ Venezuela Relief program. Use the following file to copy and paste updates into your Facebook feed. <https://goo.gl/s5X5DV>

Contact other congregations, tell them of our relief program, point them to our website www.wbcoc.com, to learn more, and have them consider sending special contributions so we may continue this relief program for months to come.

Many thanks on behalf of hundreds of Venezuelan brethren already receiving help.

By Antonio, on behalf of the Venezuela Relief Team

Checks made out to “West Broward Church of Christ,” and marked for “Venezuela Relief.” Send to: West Broward Church of Christ, 12550 West Broward Blvd., Plantation, FL 33325



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06/08/2018	0590582401858	ABO TRASPASO OTRAS CTAS CL	100.000,00
06/08/2018	0590582424949	CARGO TRASPASO OTRAS CTAS	200.000.000,00
07/08/2018	0590584047630	ABO TRASPASO OTRAS CTAS CL	100.000,00
07/08/2018	9570357844208	COMPRA CON TARJETA DE DEB	1.293.000,00
07/08/2018	0000085533900	OPERACIONES BIOPAGO	2.654.000,00
07/08/2018	9802457844208	COMPRA CON TARJETA DE DEB	8.600.000,00
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Left to right. Weekly shipments of up to 20 boxes. Meticulous records on all monetary transactions and purchases. Conversions continue. Numerous pictures of baptisms sent. Church formed in cancer hospital. A West Broward member, Rodrigo Romero, is supplying medicines at cost through his Miami pharmacy.



E-Mails

Miami, Florida. Sept. 27, 2018. “A beautiful tract.” Rafael Sequeira, Flagler St. Church of Christ (Spanish-speaking). Telephone call. A comment made with reference to the new tract “Approaching God in Search of Pardon, Honor and Eternal Life.” Bro. Rafael had already received 100 copies and requested 1,000 more, with local data printed on each tract. All in Spanish.

San Juan, Puerto Rico. Sept. 14, 2018. The Park Gardens church (Spanish) requested 7,500 copies of four different tracts, with local data printed on each. This was the first congregation we helped to establish in Puerto Rico, as we began our work on the island in 1966.

Malargüe, Mendoza, Argentina. June 9, 2018. “Hello. We have been searching on the Internet for information on the tithe and found the study you have prepared. We totally agree with it. We are looking at

the possibility of establishing a new church here guided by this doctrine. We would like to know if we can contact you for more information."

I sent information about us, including "How to Establish a Congregation Guided by the New Testament," and an offer to send a 40 pound box of tracts, etc., but have not had a reply to date. The town of Marlargüe has a population of 23,000 and is in the foothills of the Andes, not too far from the border between Argentina and Chile. A long way from any congregation of which I have knowledge in that area. Actually, the closest congregation is in Chile.

Place not identified. Sept. 28, 2018. "Greetings in Christ, brethren. Thanks be to God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ for all the wisdom he has poured out, and will continue to pour out, on all of you, the servants of the Lord, by means of the Web Site. Truly, I have learned a lot from all the studies you place on this Site. The video studies by Bro. Homero (Homer Dewayne) are excellent, indeed. Thank you, Lord, for showing us your grace, goodness, love and mercy, enlightening us and giving us a heart to do your will. God bless you greatly." Luis Montilla

Place not identified. Sept. 28, 2018. "Thanks for allowing me to be in contact with you. I liked the Bible commentary on Ezequiel 37. I like to read articles with a good theological, Biblical basis and correct exegesis, without adulterating the Scriptures. Many blessings." Edward Mejías

California. Sept. 25, 2018. "I would like to know if there is a church near where I live in Santa Rosa, CA." Carmen Martínez. There is a congregation in Santa Rosa, and we sent Carmen the information we have.

Place not identified. Sept. 12, 2018. "Very good **studies**." Darwin goe3601@gmail.com

Place not identified. Sept. 07, 2018. "Very good **videos**." Elisabet ale.eli3109@gotmail.com

Reference would be to the eleven video studies on Ephesians.

Santa Teresita, Argentina. April 30, 2018. "I live in a coastal area, about 400 kilometers from Buenos Aires, in Santa Teresita. In what congregation could I meet?" Daniela

Cuitzeo, Michoacán, Mexico. June 11, 2018. "Esteemed brethren in Christ, my thanks to you for all the material received from you. We have another work that we are beginning in Cuitzeo, Michoacán. I would like to know if we can receive tracts with the following address printed on them." José Espinoza then provides the data to be printed on the tracts. Cuitzeo is a city of 40,000.

Ciudad Quetzal, Guatemala. August 25, 2018. "God bless you. I am interested in finding out if there is a church of Christ in San Juan Zacatepec. I will thank you with all my heart for any information. I am a Christian. With love in the Lord, María Antonia Benavides."

Place not identified. "The eschatological studies are very good." Domingo Román

Costa Rica. Aug. 5, 2018. "I am searching for one of your congregations. I am delighted with what I have read." Zarcero Alfaró Ruiz

Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Aug. 4, 2018. "Good afternoon. Can you tell me if there is a congregation in Puerto Vallarta?" María Gutiérrez. There is!

Oversight for this work **Elders, Cairo, TN Church of Christ**

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Preacher: Larry Harper. Office 731-656-2956. Cell 731-345-0348.

Address: Cairo Church of Christ, c/o Frank Moore, 32347 Sunny Hill Road, Alamo, TN, USA 38001.

Location of meeting place: 158 Lyons Road, Alamo, TN 38001

Contributions may be sent to: Karel Riddick, Spanish Evangelism, 2938 Chestnut Bluff Maury C RD, Friendship, TN 32034. Bro. Riddick (731 656 4212) is a member of the Cairo Church of Christ and treasurer of the Fund. Checks are to be made out to: Cairo Church of Christ

With brotherly love in Christ and genuine appreciation for all contributions and prayers,
Dewayne, Rita and Antonio Shappley