

# Iglesia Biblica Fundamental de la Gracia

Report from November to December 2011

January 14, 2012

*God be gracious to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us. That Your way may be known on the earth, your salvation among all nations. Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You.*  
(Psalm 67:1-3)

Beloved Brethren,

Blessings to you all and to your families as well. May the grace of our wonderful God and Father be with you and continue to encourage your hearts. There is great joy in my heart because the Lord has allowed us to enter a new year and is giving us an opportunity to celebrate His mercies throughout this past year.

I thank God for His presence in our lives and I praise His name because He has been so gracious to my family, our congregation, and me. It is only by His grace and faithfulness that we are here. Thank you all for your faithful support to the Lords ministry in Fair Oaks. Your love and generosity is greatly appreciated in our hearts. Because of your prayers the Lord has opened many doors, has brought many new believers, and we have been seeing amazing miracles in their lives.

I would like to share with you the way the Lord has saved some of our new brothers and sisters:

**EDER:** Is a 20 year old young man, who lived a life of drug addictions and emotional disorder. Our sister Monica Larios invited him to church where he heard the gospel and committed to Christ as his Lord and Savior. The dosage of medications that he was previously taking has been reduced and is now completely drug free. He is being disciplined, and gave evidence of his salvation and his obedience towards the Lord by getting baptized in the beginning of this year.

**JAIME ANDRES:** Is a 23 year old young man from Colombia, who after many years of rejecting the call from the Lord to salvation and after many prayers from his mother, sister Adriana, He finally committed his life to Christ about 6 months ago. He did this by phone while talking to our brother Alan Soto and is being disciplined. He decided to come to the United States to celebrate Christmas and to give his testimony to the church of his salvation. He also was baptized at the beginning of this year and has now returned to Colombia. Praise the Lord!

**ZUCELY:** Is a 17 year old young lady, daughter of our sister Minerva. On December 12<sup>th</sup>, I received a call from sister Hilda, asking for help because Zucely was having convulsions, was out of control, and was saying strange things. We arrived there and found that she was possessed and only by God's grace and mercy after praying for her was freed from that. Her family and

relatives were amazed to see the power of the Lord. We shared the gospel with all of them and three of them confessed Christ as their Lord and Savior. Praise the Lord! Please pray for her, so that the Lord convinces her of His presence in her life and His forgiveness.

These are a few testimonies of the great things that the Lord is doing in the ministry. In these passed months the Lord has graciously allowed the congregation to grow. Many new families are being disciplined and a group of sixteen brethren are taking the membership class. By God's grace seven new believers were baptized on January 1st. Praise the Lord! Here are some of the things the Lord has been doing:

#### **NOVEMBER:**

- (23) We celebrated our annual Thanksgiving service and we had a great attendance and good time of fellowship after service, we had 5 visitors.
- Our brothers Giovanni and Alfonso Lopez committed their lives to Christ and both of them were baptized on January 1st.
- (7) The ladies monthly meeting took place at the church and the attendance was 26.
- Our attendance was 181 on Sundays and 95 on Thursdays. We had 13 visitors and 5 of them made a decision for Christ (Danilo, Virginio, Claris, Giovanni, and Alfonso).

#### **DECEMBER:**

- (3) The Ladies celebrated their annual Christmas breakfast and they had a great time of fellowship with the teaching of the Word of God by my wife Paloma. Their attendance was 43 and there were 6 visitors.
- (17) We celebrated our annual Christmas banquet with a great program (music, children's play and choir, youth choir, games and the word of God). Our attendance was 158 and 12 visitors.
- (25) We also celebrated our special Christmas service and our attendance was 130 and there were 2 visitors.
- Our attendance for this month was 171, with 19 visitors, and with 6 decisions made for Christ (Clara, Alejandra, Bety, Karina, Azucena, and Saul).
- (31) We had our usual New Years Eve dinner with our brothers and sisters (singing, playing games, praying, and listening to the Word of God). It was a great time of fellowship as we welcomed the New Year together. Our attendance was 120 and there were 6 visitors. Praise the Lord!

#### **MINISTRIES:**

**RENO:** Two families in Reno are being disciplined and are growing in their knowledge of the Word of God. They like to have visitors over their home every time we visit them. One couple has made their decision for Christ. We are visiting them upon their request every other Wednesday. We are looking forward to a Bible Church ministry in the Reno area in the future.

**FOLSOM:** We are discipling our sister Yadira who is attending our church. Her husband gave his life to Christ in November but he works a lot. We are praying that the Lord would give him an opportunity to change his schedule. Also our new sister Angelica has come to church twice

and we continue praying for her to persevere in her faith in Christ, and for her husband who is an unbeliever.

I also want to mention that our services remain the same:

SUNDAY: 9:00 am. Sunday school , 10:45 am. Worship & 6:00 pm. Evening service  
TUESDAY: 7:00 pm. Home Bible Study  
THURSDAY: 7:00 pm. Mid-week Bible study  
FRIDAY: 7:00 pm. Prayer meeting Service  
SATURDAY: 10:30am. Evangelism.

Ministry Prayer Requests:

- That the Lord would continue to give me strength and wisdom in preaching His Word faithfully.
- That the Lord would continue giving wisdom to our leadership as they make decisions
- For the future deacons and elders of our church
- For the provision of a future building.
- For the congregation to have a burden for the lost and a desire to grow spiritually.
- For protection as we travel every other Wednesday to a new Ministry in Reno, Nevada. (2 Families being Discipled)
- To continue ministering in the city of Folsom
- For the men from Los Angeles seminary to move to the area of Sacramento and serve in the ministry

Family praises:

- For His faithfulness and provision for my family.
- For His protection and provision for my daughter Arely's semester at Calvary Bible College.
- For His grace in giving us good health.
- For His blessing and provision for our daughter Ashelley's college funds

Family Prayer Requests:

- For our financial budget to increase to cover our expenses.
- For my daughter Arely, that the Lord would continue providing the finances to cover her last semester at Calvary Bible College; Lord willing she will graduate in May
- For my daughter Arely's INS petition
- That the Lord may continue to give us wisdom and strength to do His work in the Church and at home.
- For my daughter Ashelley's spiritual growth; to be a good testimony to others and for the continual provision for college costs.
- For my daughter Ashelley's last semester in College; hopefully graduating in March
- For my son David, that the Lord would help him grow spiritually, be strong, and have faith in Christ; for His protection and education in his high school years.

May our God and Father continue to bless your lives and ministries, so that we may glorify Him in all things.

With love in Christ  
His servant,

Pastor Alberto Perez