



# INSTITUTO DE ESTUDIOS BÍBLICOS INTERNACIONALES

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## JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2023

Welcome to our First Newsletter for 2023, here are some of our latest developments.

### **WHAT'S GOING ON THIS MONTH**

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, Chacon from El Salvador was evangelizing in Cuba in December and Luis was making preparation for his trip to Cuba this month. I promised you I would share the details about Chacon's ministry this month and I will get to that shortly. But I have a couple of things I want to share first.

Luis safely arrived in Dos Palmas, Cuba and he called me astounded. He said "Rocky – you will not believe this. Do you remember when I was here in Dos Palmas last year and there were 40 members in the church? The church has already grown to over 120 members this past year through the work of our students. God is good."

I also received more messages from our different students sending me pictures and news of more baptisms that have already taken place this year. It is so uplifting to me to see our students continue to grow and make a difference in the Lord's Kingdom.

I will share more information about Luis' trip next month when he returns.

### **ENCOURAGING WORDS**

As you may know, we have many students across several countries and everyday I get messages sent to my personal account from many of our students sharing their successes, asking for advice and offering words of thanks and encouragement.

I want to share with you a message that I received this morning from Eliobis, one of our students in Cuba. This is the first thing that I read this morning before even getting up out of my bed. I can't think of a better or more encouraging way to start your day than to be blessed with the message I received today. Here is what she said.

*"We are Seed Sowers, today we are in the town of Hicotea announcing the good news of the gospel of peace, the glory belongs to God. We are students and we put into practice what we have learned in class. We get ready to sow the seed of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*We are forever grateful that we have been able to connect with such excellent teachers. God is very good to us, always aware of all that he sends us in the courses to be able to grow in the knowledge of the word of God. My husband exercises his service to God in the town of Hicotea, 5 Km from here. It is an honor to serve our Lord Jesus Christ with pride. Pray for us."*



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## **HUMBERTO CARDENAS CHACON – EL SALVADOR**

Last month, I promised to provide you a report of Chacon's Evangelistic trip to Cuba during the month of December.

"Chacon" is one of our most enthusiastic students. He is one of the students that joined our group early this year when Juan Carlos presented our program to churches in El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala.

Here is the report of his trip provided by the Brothers and Sisters from the Church of Christ in Palma Soriano.

## **PALMA SORIANO December 2022**

### **PROVINCE: SANTIAGO DE CUBA**

CUBA

Report of the Ministerial work of Brother Humberto Antonio Cárdenas Chacón in the Church of Christ in Palma Soriano.

**..." As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!" Romans 10:15b**

12/8 Arrival in Havana Cuba

12/9 "Departure from Havana to Palma Soriano

12/11 "Worship Service in the Congregation of Palma Centro. Preaching Theme: "Spirits Imprisoned".

12/12 "Morning meeting with the leaders of the 6 congregations in the area where the work was carried out

Meeting at the Church Center at night. Theme: "Woman as a gift from God for the Man".

12/13 Meeting at the Church Center at night. Theme: "Man as God's gift for the Women".

12/14 Meeting with the Congregation on November 27

12/15 Meeting with the Church on November 27

12/16 Visit the City of Santiago de Cuba to review of transportation procedures to return to Havana after finishing his work in Palma.

12-/17 Joint Evangelism meeting between the November 27 congregation and Palma Centro.

12/18 8:00 AM Palma Centro Congregation: **Three Baptisms**

9:00 AM Visit to the Congregation of Dos Palmas. Worship and Preaching.

12/19 Visit to the Congregation of Hicotea

12/20 Visit to the Congregation of Dos Palmas. A Baptism and Theme: "The Miracle of Bethesda"

12/21 Visit to the Congregation of "La Curia".



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12/22 New Year's Eve Dinner Activity in the Palma Centro Congregation.

12/23 Visit some brothers in the congregation.

12/24 Meeting with various members of a denomination, who invited us to a friendly and respectful Bible exchange. Topics such as: Love, Baptism and The Lord's Supper were discussed.

12/25 Worship Service in the Congregation November 27. Preaching.

12/26 Marriage Meeting for the congregations of Palma Centro and on November 27.

12/27 Summary of the work carried out by brother Chacón, which has been fruitful and very pleasing and edifying for all the congregations, highlighting the peculiar way of imparting his studies in the exposition of the exegesis carried out on the word of God, which in an understandable and motivating way managed to fulfill the purpose of the Lord to "Encourage us to Love and the Good Works" and to continue being faithful to Christ.

First of all, we thank God for providing for the visit of our brother who with great encouragement and love wanted to accompany us at this time, and to all those who collaborated in this ministry; thank you for the help received and for the generosity of his hearts in giving us showers of blessings and love in our spiritual and material needs. Be the Name of Our Blessed Lord!! Grace and Peace to all.

### Cuba Predica/Preach Cuba

Don't forget this program!!! So far we have raised enough support to sponsor 7 full-time preachers in Cuba, and the year isn't over yet!!! I am forever optimistic! I will attach the Cuba Predica flyer if you know of anyone that may want to help support this program.

### How You Can Help Estudios Bíblicos Internacionales

**First:** Remember, we are a privately funded program. Here is how you can help:

The First Street Church of Christ has graciously agreed to handle our donations in the U.S.

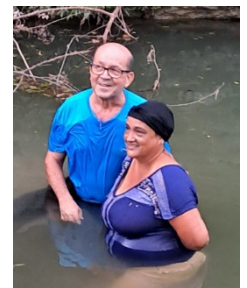
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First Street Church of Christ, 204 W 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Lampasas, TX 76550 – be sure and put "EBI - Estudios Bíblicos Internacionales" or "Cuban Preacher Program" in the memo.

**Secondly:** You can help with Prayers, Prayers, Prayers!!!

Please keep this program in your prayers and pray that God can effectively use our students, teachers and everyone involved to carry the Good News throughout Latin America and the world.

May God bless each and every one of you for your support of this program,  
Rocky Castleberry



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