

*"Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart."* Col 4:2. NLT



## NEWS

### • Distance learning Biblical Studies Program. (PED by its Spanish Initials)

- The tutors continue accompanying the students, mainly in Vichada and Meta (these are regions in Colombia). We thank God that many more leaders are recognizing their own need to equip themselves for the ministry thanks to the pastor and leader Birgilio Pérez. He has been meeting with the leaders of the United Bible Church and some of them are entering the program.

- We have not been able to follow up on the leaders who are studying in the PED in the Guaviare region, which makes us think about discipling other leaders. Pastor Birgilio is thinking of inviting Nathanael (a Vichada tutor) to travel together in October, and take advantage of that trip to give a workshop on Animism.

- Likewise, we have planned a trip to Puerto Carreño in September with brother José Arturo Pérez. He and his family have plans to move to that place, as missionaries, to teach the Word, equip the leaders who are in the PED there and attend some invitations from churches in need of good teaching on the other side of the border in Venezuela.

- First graduation of the "Distance learning Biblical Studies Program" will take place on October: in this ceremony we would like to present the first 30 couples who finished the 4 semesters of studies and started their teaching practice as a degree project. We rejoice with the Lord and give thanks for the support of the RBW organization, who have faithfully supported the tutors of the program.

- For the month of October while in Vichada, we will have a time for the tutors (a follow up time for them), introducing them to new topics for the church, stewardship and "Giving Generously" to implement in the program for the good development of the church in its responsibility to support its pastors and support its missionaries.

- **The Cuiba church**, the leaders along with their wives, continue teaching the Word in three places. These leaders and their wives continue adapting the lessons to their language using the alphabet used in the Bible. We thank the Lord for the commitment of these brothers. Please pray that God gives me the opportunity to visit them in the second half of the year. (Photo José and his wife (Guahibos) equipping the Cuibas couples.)



- In August and September, we plan to review some teaching materials and tools for church development and start recording some audios along with Pastor Eliodoro and Pastor Birglio and Elsa (his wife). We thought about various topics. Thank you for praying for wisdom.

- We have on hold a workshop to be done in the Planas region, the theme is "Planning the future of our language" for the second half of the year. we have noticed a growing interest from many teachers in that region to acquire and use the resources we have in the language, both for education and for teaching the Word to school-age children. What a good opportunity God is giving us! We appreciate your prayers.

- **Work with the translation team to translate more portions of the Old Testament and work with those who are working on the development of materials and audiovisual aids for the Guahibo church**

- **Translation of the Scriptures.** I thank God for the good time, although one of the translators could not arrive, we were able to advance with Jhon Jorge in the description of the process seeking to make it faster and more efficient. They were confirmed in some of the tasks and we set some goals for the semester.



- **Youth Ministry.** Regarding the team of young people who are working on adapting the teaching materials and working on the guidelines for this valuable ministry, it is always good to see "new blood". The team is growing in number, some responsibilities were defined and I was able to present a proposal about the vision of this ministry at the service of the church. There is already more clarity in the minds of the brothers and each one has their specific goals for the coming months. **(Photo, Wilfredo and his wife Luz Janeth, new members of the team. They are in charge of checking the content of the materials and digitizing them.)**

- **Podcast.** As its definition says, is a digital publication, in this case of spiritual edification. We are learning how to do it, it is new, but the purpose is clear. The purpose is to present some topics periodically in the form of a Biblical reflection for 10 minutes wanting to serve the leaders and their wives. We appreciate your prayers for the voices and the recordings to be dynamic and impactful for the listeners.

- **The App and other audiovisual resources.** Some Guahibo youth presented the icons for the Old Testament (O.T.) books and in the coming months the audios will be uploaded in the App, including the books and portions that we already have ready of the O.T.

Moreover, some young people from the church in Raya continue to work and soon the scripts will be ready to record the audios for "**Deditos**" a visual aid that presents some biblical stories for small children.

- The Guahibo church in some regions, are already enjoying the movie "**The Life of Jesus**", in their language (what a blessing!). The brothers who are showing the film, will soon have the work manuals and questions in their language to make the impact of the movie in the lives of the believers more effective. The ministry "Faith comes by hearing" has provided us with projectors, which has been a blessing to make even more complete the teaching with this resource in many churches that are in the development stage.



With special affection,

**Alberto y Nancy Gonzalez**

Serving to the Guahibo church.