

William and Joelina Turkington – Venezuela (7th December 2024)

To the Saints gathered in the Lord's Name in York St Gospel Hall, Leicester

Greetings in the precious name of our blessed Saviour. We trust you are all keeping well, and still flourishing like the palm tree and growing like a cedar in Lebanon. The psalmist assures us that those who are planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God and they shall still bring forth fruit in old age.

We are sending the following lines to acknowledge a very generous and appreciated gift of **£400** *which* you sent us through Lord's Work Trust in the month of November. This bounty on your part has been the Lord's means of supplying our temporal needs as we seek to continue with the work, he has given us to do in this part of his harvest field.

A series of gospel meetings which lasted 5 weeks was held in the hall here in Tucupita finishing at the end of October. Several of our sisters worked hard to invite people in different areas of the city who were then brought in vehicles to the meetings. The Lord's presence was felt, and we are thankful for evidence of blessing in salvation. On the last night of the meetings a sister called Eleonora was baptized and then received into the assembly. Some of her relatives who had never heard the gospel came for the occasion.

Now we are having gospel meetings in the yard of an aged brother in an indigenous community called Janokosebe. This is where we have a large children's meeting, and the gospel is preached every Monday and as several people had been showing an interest, we decided to have these meetings. There is good attendance, and several young boys and girls are coming every night and listening attentively. We long to see some of them getting saved. We are indeed very thankful that there is still an open ear for the gospel in many parts of Venezuela and the Lord's work is growing. Many areas need labourers, and we pray that the Lord will send them forth. The assemblies also desire to keep faithful to the Lord's word and we pray that this may continue till His coming.

Last weekend was the conference in Ciudad Bolivar, a city about 3 hrs away from us. A group of over 30 was taken from here to the conference including some new believers. It's one of the 2 conferences which are held in Eastern Venezuela; the other one is in Los Altos, where Noel Mckeown lives. 7 of the Lords's servant were present to give profitable ministry and the saints were cheered.

At the beginning of November, the elders conference was held in Salom in the state of Yaracuy. There was a good representation of brethren who help in the teaching and shepherding of each assembly and most of the Lord's servants were able to be there.

We also have ahead of us now the conferences which are held simultaneously at the end of the year in the centre of the country, Mariara and Puerto Cabello. As this represents a journey of around 14 hours, we will likely just be going as a family.

Our children are well, thank the Lord. Matthew and Mark in university and Philip doing high school at home. Joscar is in a high school in the town and Selena is also doing homeschooling. We appreciate your prayers for each one of them.

With many kind regards Yours, in Christ,

William and Joelina.