

## **PASTOR OSO!!**

*May has been a busy month! As most of you know, Oso (Luis) has been working with me in the church for the past five years. The first four years he was attending the seminary and helping in the church. After graduating from seminary last June, he has taken a more active role in the church and has been functioning more as an assistant pastor. We have been counting the days and taking the necessary steps so that Oso could become the pastor of Iglesia Bautista Peninsular.*

**STEP 1:** *May 16<sup>th</sup> various pastors and missionaries here in Merida came to our church for an ordination council for Oso. Oso was a little nervous, but had spent hours preparing himself. He did an excellent job: clearly, concisely giving his testimony, call to the ministry, and a review of Bible doctrines. He was enthusiastically approved for the ministry. I was very proud of him!*

**STEP 2:** *May 31<sup>st</sup> Brother Oso became PASTOR OSO! More than 170 church people, pastors and missionaries, neighbors, friends, and family were on hand to express their support for Oso and his wife, Glendy. It was very moving to hear their testimony of how our son, Jeff Carney, and his wife, Elisabeth, led Oso and Glendy to the Lord as young teenagers and watched over them, helping them to grow. (Thank you, Jeff and Beth!) Both Oso and Glendy come from troubled families, and God has enabled them to overcome obstacles and mature and grow. They received a generous offering from the church people and many expressions of encouragement. It was a VICTORY day! Thank you, Lord, for our new pastor!*

**STEP 3:** *Well, if Oso is the new pastor, I guess I'm out of here! On June 9<sup>th</sup> Carolyn and I are returning to the States for a one-year furlough. It has been 15 years since we have actually been home for a full year, and we are looking forward to spending time with our parents, children, grandkids, family and friends. Since we have nine children and 21 grand-children, I think we will be pretty busy!*

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