



# The Contreras Family

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difundir iglesias y  
entrenar obreros

Dear pastor and families of the Church, greetings from your servant and my family. We want to thank you so much for your prayers, your financial help to this ministry and your love for God's work in this country. I want to report to you through this letter all the events that happen in the missionary field during these months.

The Lord's work goes on, people are being saved, baptized, and lives are being transformed by God's power. The testimony of sister Emilia is one life where God has done a great work, she being an 84 year old, Catholic for all her life, and she received the Lord. Three weeks later she was baptized and she now comes faithful to the church. Recently she was diagnosed with cáncer, but she is happy that now she know that she is going to haven if something happens. She has her surgery this week, but she said that on Sunday she will be in the Church. We thank God for the spirit of this sister at her age. Sister Martha is another great testimony, since she was saved she start comming to church faithfully. She was baptized right after her salvation and she has brought her daughter and son-in-law to church. Two of her daughters received the Lord in the Church as well. Sister Xenia, God has worked great in her life, she came to church through her son who was a bus route kid and was saved. Now, her husband Luis is start coming with them to church, I guide him to Christ at home, and Little by Little we have seen the people being more open to the things of God.

During this time we had several celebrations like mother's day, more than 40 mothers received a gift in the church and some received the Lord in the altar. We also celebrated Father's Day, lots of new fathers attended the service and some of them got saved. Kid's day was another celebration that we did to the children of the Church and for the bus route kids. Many kids and young people brought their parents to the church anniversary service. We had more of 250 people in attendance and 17 people received Christ as their savior. We had more than 45 visitors in that service. We have a missionary James Childress preached to us as a speaker guest in that anniversary service. Pastor Childress has more than 40 years as missionary in Panamá and he was the one who guided me to Christ in March of 1986 when I was 12 years old.

I had the privilege to preach in a Missions conference in "Good News Baptist Church". It is coincidentally, that church was founded by the Missionary Childress twenty years ago. The mission promises of faith were increased and they will be supporting three more missionaries this year.

My wife, my 2-month-old daughter and I, started "Las Americas Baptist Mission Church" in 2006. It has been twelve years of hard work, trials, different needs, but very blessed serving the Lord. We also have twelve years that we have not been able to return to the United States for matters of papers. We ask for your prayers that we can process an adequate visa for our status since tourism visas have already denied us. Our desire is to be able to give you a better report and that the new generations of members meet us, and that we can be able to present some projects that we have for the ministry, as a vans, bus for routes, land, and financial support among others.

Thank you once again for your support and prayers. If you still do not support us monthly, we encourage you to support us financially, there are always needs and there is always something to invest in for the eternal things of our God. You can send your offerings to: Pacific Baptist Mission 1000 Pine Ave. Long Beach Ca. 90813. Or if you prefer you can deposit with Bank of America (California) Current Account # 2711202438 Rodrigo Contreras. May the Lord continue blessing your ministry and family, God bless you.

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