



Brethren, Pray For Us

Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf. 2 Corinthians 1:11

IT'S A GIRL!

Iglesia Bautista de Las Palmas was born on August 20 in the year of our Lord 2017.

I was greatly encouraged when a friend in my home church reminded me that all the challenges over the years have culminated in the birth of this church. I was so accustomed to facing one challenge after the next that I had forgotten to rest in the Lord's faithfulness and enjoy the moment. I was also encouraged through the preaching of my pastor, Pastor Bob Wall, when he reminded us that this is the Lord's work, it is His church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it!

Everyone worked hard for months in preparation for this day. Much was accomplished on the building project, including a temporary baptismal. Everyone took a course on Baptist Distinctives with memory verses. The ladies prepared everything needed to feed over 20 people. María and Yender went shopping for suitable chairs and tables. María Jesús supplied her own fine china! Juan Antonio did an excellent job finishing the ceiling and installing the window shades of the sanctuary and cleaning up everything afterward. Victor used his gift and supplied the music with beautiful hymns on his viola.

Pastor and Jan Wall arrived on the evening of the 17th and he was kind enough to give a devotional in the church the next morning. As I translated Pastor's messages on Friday morning, three times on Sunday and then again on Monday morning, I could see on the faces of everyone that they were soaking up as much as they could. In spite of a translator they said the messages were crystal clear. The following Sunday we reviewed Pastor Wall's messages and I asked each one to give me 2-3 of the most important truths they had learned. *What is the church, what is its purpose and who is the owner* were the predominant truths mentioned. Solid Independent Baptist Bible preaching is not in their previous church experiences

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