



Argentina
Advance

First Quarter 2009 Report From Villa Urquiza

New Additions!

Five people have put on Christ in the last few weeks reports Carlos Ardila. Let us tell you about them.

Erick Valderrama

Erick had studied with Carlos Ardila for some time and made the decision to be baptized. He was baptized on January 23rd. Erick has been attending for quite some time so everyone in the congregation already knows him.



Erick, second from left, with his mother, Segunda, third from left, after her baptism.

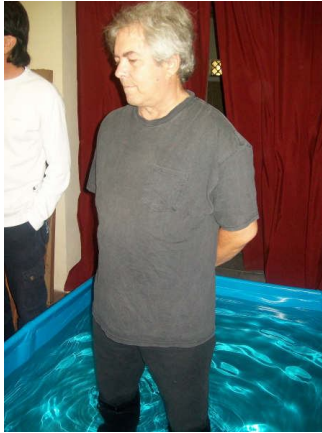
Segunda Quispe Valderrama

Is the mother of Erick Valerrama and started coming to church with him. She has actually been thinking very seriously about this commitment for about a month.

Vicente Rodriguez

Vicente was originally contacted through a literature source administered by the church called "Editorial La Paz." He got in touch with the church

because of the teaching he found in the literature. He studied and talked much with Carlos. He was baptized on Sunday, February 8.



Vicente making his confession of faith.

Maria Robayo and Brenda Juez

Maria is the mother of Ivan Wilson of the Villa Urquiza congregation and Brenda is Ivan's younger sister. They had been visiting from Colombia with Ivan and his family and Ivan was studying with them. They have attended the activities of the church and were also baptized on Sunday, February 8th as well.



Juan prepares to baptize Maria.



Brenda comes up out of the water, washed clean!

Difficulties in the Church

Troubles are a part of every church and Villa Urquiza has had some significant difficulties in recent weeks. Most of them revolve around one of the elders, Juan Fuente, and his difficult confrontations with different brothers. Juan has experienced problems controlling his temper and on Sunday, February 15th, things reached an impasse.

After council with several members Juan made the decision to resign. He did so this past Sunday, February 22nd. He asked for forgiveness and told the church he could not continue with his problem of anger. The congregation then gathered in love for both Juan and the other elder, Jorge Krekcza.

The church is now without elders again, but Carlos Ardila and his family will continue to serve the church as an evangelist. His presence is needed even more now. We ask all of you to continue to pray for the church.

I (Glen) will be going down on March 13th with Dr. Ralph Gilmore and a group of 8 students to help with campaign work and to encourage the church. Both Dr. Gilmore and I will be working with the brothers to help them during this time. We ask you to pray for our participation in helping the church continue to move forward.

A Special Request for Assistance

When we left Argentina in 2007, we left the church a laptop computer that was then 8 years old. We also had left Carlos Ardila a desktop that was also the same age. Both had already had significant problems and since the laptop has ceased to function.

Since we are going down on March 13th, we thought it would be great if we could take two more modern laptops. One would be for the church that would be used by the secretary and also for projecting songs and lessons to groups. The other would be used by Carlos in his work and preparing lessons and materials to be printed.

So we are asking you all to inform us of a laptop that you might have that you would be willing to donate or if you could donate some funds for us to purchase them. We are not necessarily thinking new ones, but ones that will be good and last them for a good while.

If you want to donate some funds you may make your checks out to "Estes Church of Christ", earmark it "Argentina Computer" and send it to Richard Taylor, 464 Crook Ave., Henderson, TN 38340.

Finances

We have been in touch with you about short falls for 2009 due to the planned deduction by the Bell Trust and some churches that needed to end their support. The Wildersville church, and the Mt. Pleasant, IN church doubled their monthly support. The Summit KY church has been considering increasing theirs. Also the Hendersonville, NC church has begun sending \$200 monthly. One-time donations have come in from the

Estes church, \$1000, the Finger, TN church, \$500, and the Martinsburg, IN church of \$250.

Here is a list of the monthly supporters and amounts being given at this time:

• Bell Trust	\$750.00
• Estes church	\$500.00
• Shades Mountain, Birmingham	\$250.00
• Myrtle Beach, SC church	\$200.00
• Rockville, MD church	\$100.00
• Wildersville, TN church	\$400.00
• Ventura church, San Antonio, TX	\$200.00
• Mt. Pleasant, IN church	\$200.00
• Hendersonville, NC church	\$200.00
• Jack's Creek, TN church	\$120.00
• Finger, TN church	\$100.00
• Summit, KY church	\$ 75.00
• Mr. & Mrs. Alan Henton	\$100.00
• Mr. & Mrs. Matt Sokoloski	\$100.00
Total	\$3,295.00 monthly

This means that we need to increase the monthly contributions by \$405.

Thanks to all of you for what you are doing. Please keep praying.

Glen & Kathy Henton