

## ***The McCubbins***

### **Reaching the Spanish-speaking for Christ**

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**VENEZUELA:** Just before Thanksgiving we had the privilege of having Pastor Rey Edwards, the pastor of the work in Cumana, Venezuela with us for a week. He brought Jonathan, one of his seminary students with him. It was exciting for the people in our church to be able to hear first-hand how God is using our DVD ministry in Venezuela. The seminary in Cumana has nearly 50 students enrolled this semester.



**NORTH CAROLINA:** In our last letter we spoke about having been contacted by a Spanish speaking church in North Carolina that was interested in starting a Bible institute. In August, Mike traveled to North Carolina to assist this church in setting up their Bible institute.

**SURGERY:** A week after Mike returned from North Carolina he underwent an emergency appendectomy. He later learned from the surgeon that his appendix was already perforated when he went to surgery. We are thankful that God kept him safe while he was traveling.



**LOS ANGELES:** It is exciting to see that God is still in the business of transforming lives. Elias was a gang-banger who was tried as an adult and subsequently sentenced to life in prison when he was only sixteen years old. However, the fact of the matter is, five years ago while still in prison Elias got "real life," **everlasting life** after a fellow inmate witnessed to him.

After trusting in Christ Elias began studying the Bible with a small group of fundamental Baptists who challenged him to live a godly life and to allow God to use him to reach others. This little group of believers took on the USC logo as their own saying that it stood for ***Uncompromised Separatist Christians***. The change that God worked in Elias became evident to everyone around him. Over the next five years God brought about a series of events that miraculously resulted in Elias' release from prison, at the age of 32. We thank God for this young man, for giving him his freedom and for bringing him to our church. His faithfulness and love for the Lord have been a blessing to all of us.

**THANK YOU:** As this year draws to a close we can't help but reflect on Psalm 68 which says, *"Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits."* God is so good to us! He doesn't just bless us once in a while; He piles on blessings every day of the year. His goodness is beyond measure! As we reflect on that goodness, we think of you. God brought each of you into our lives. You pray and give and in so doing you enable us to do the job that God has called us to do. We are truly grateful. We love and appreciate you more than you can imagine.

We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and blessed New Year.

Your servants and His,

Mike and Elaine McCubbins