



THE PANIAGUA'S

Ministry Report

August - September 2024

"Dedicate a full year to Brazil, and if you're nominated at the Assembly, accept."

Those were the words I heard in the early hours of December 4, 2023, at our home in Manta, Ecuador, during my devotional time.

We didn't fully understand what the Lord meant. We were preparing to move to São Paulo, facing many challenges: Keydi was pregnant, we had experienced insecurity in Ecuador, and everything that comes with moving to a new country.

Here we are. **We accepted the challenge of pastoring this region of Latin America, which includes four countries: Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela, with a total of 922 churches and 54,664 members to lead and manage.**

More than a heavy burden, it is a great opportunity—a space to serve the Beloved of the Lord with all that we are, do, and have.

We feel immense joy in sharing what these first months of transition have been like. At the same time, we continue mentoring pastors, equipping and training leaders, and multiplying healthy churches.

Now, more than ever, **we are convinced that pastoral care must push towards self-care**, effective stewardship, and strategic multiplication. It is a call to obedience and love, restoration and compassion, one we are honored to continue.

Thank you, a thousand thanks, for your prayers and for walking alongside us in every step of this journey!



With Love,

Cruz Mario and Keydi Paniagua



Church in Colombia

Advances

From August 2 to 4, Dr. Cruz Paniagua, recently appointed Superintendent of the Church of God - Northern South America Region (SAN), met with the leadership of the Church of God in Colombia to outline the action plans for the next two years. It was a time of Reflection-Action to celebrate the past and project the future around three key priorities for the biennium: Ministerial Development, Strategic Multiplication, and Effective Stewardship.

He also participated in the inauguration of the new academic cycle at Berea Bible Seminary (SEBIBE) in Colombia. The event brought together students and youth from various churches in the region, united with the purpose of deepening their spiritual connection and commitment to the Lord.

Dr. Paniagua's participation was key in inspiring this new generation of leaders in training, emphasizing the importance of living out God's call in a holistic way. In his speech, he highlighted the need for a ministerial life that combines solid theological training with a deep and committed spiritual practice. He challenged the students to adopt a clear missional vision focused on planting healthy churches and encouraged them to become leaders capable of impacting not only their local communities but also contributing actively to the growth and strengthening of the Pentecostal movement globally.



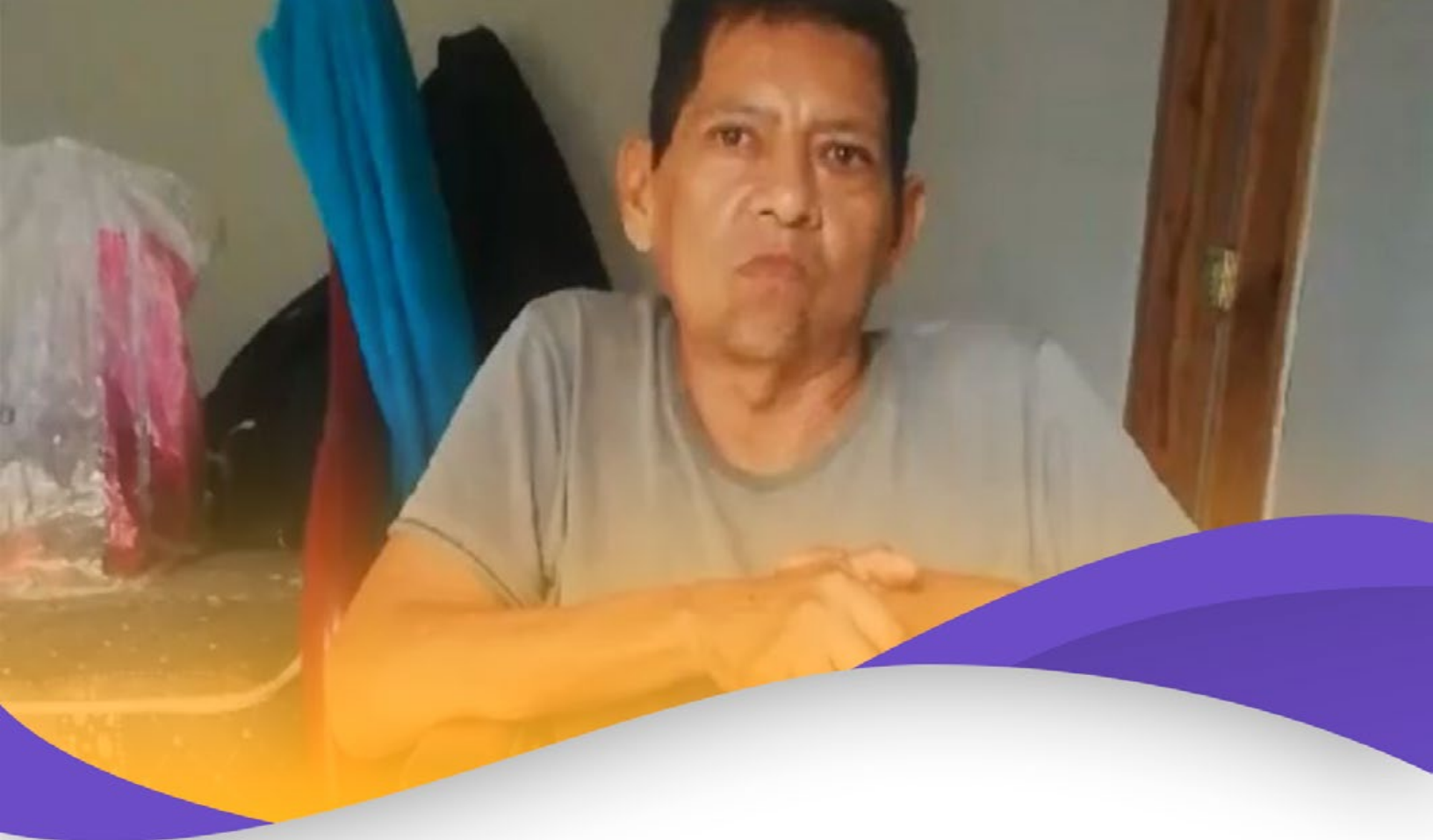


Ministerial Challenges and Motherhood: *Strategies for Balance*

In September, Pastor Keydi Paniagua, leader of the Women's Ministry for the Church of God in the Northern South America (SAN) region, participated as a speaker in the virtual workshop titled "Balancing Ministerial Challenges and Childcare." This event brought together more than 50 women, including pastors and leaders from Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, and Colombia.

The workshop addressed the challenges faced by mothers who serve in ministry within the church, providing practical advice on how to balance ministerial responsibilities with childcare. Pastor Paniagua's presentation offered valuable guidance and support to participants, focusing on strategies for effectively managing both roles.

Our Champions



Center for Migrants

Quito, Ecuador

Rebuilding Lives: Manuel's Story and the Power of Solidarity

In September, assistance was provided to Manuel, a 72-year-old man living with diabetes who faces serious health issues following the amputation of his right foot. Residing in Quito, Manuel was alone and vulnerable, so he was given food and necessary care. Additionally, a wheelchair was donated to facilitate his mobility.

Thanks to your collaboration and that of the community, Manuel was able to return to his home in Pedernales, Manabí, where he can reunite with his family.

This effort focused not only on his physical well-being but also on alleviating his loneliness, emphasizing the importance of human connection during difficult times.

This report presents the activities carried out during the months of August and September, highlighting the support offered in educational, humanitarian, and spiritual areas. Through these initiatives, the aim was not only to meet basic needs, such as the provision of food, backpacks, and medicines, but also to promote evangelism and spiritual guidance in vulnerable communities.

These actions were developed with a holistic approach, encompassing both physical well-being and the strengthening of faith, positively impacting children, families, and people in emergency situations. The commitment reflected in these activities reaffirms the mission to continue providing sustained support, promoting integral development, and offering relief to those most in need.



August

1. Educational Assistance

- **Backpacks and notebooks:** 100 backpacks equipped with school supplies were delivered to children for the 2024-2025 school year.
- **Delivery in Alausí:** 20 backpacks were distributed to children from impoverished families in this area.

2. Food Assistance

- **Milk:** 21 cans of milk were provided to needy families.
- **Street distribution:** During evangelism efforts, 50 sandwich loaves and 20 milk containers were handed out to people experiencing homelessness.

3. Evangelism and Biblical Materials

- **Bible stories:** In collaboration with various churches, 100 Bible storybooks were distributed to children and families.

September

1. Evangelism and School Assistance

- **Biblical materials:** We continued distributing Bible storybooks in schools, accompanied by evangelistic activities.
- **Support with milk and medicine:** Basic supplies such as milk and medicine were provided to different communities.

2. Humanitarian Assistance

- **Fire response:** Due to fires in the city, support was given in the form of water and supplies to those affected, especially those who lost their homes.

Below is a series of photos capturing the most significant moments and key achievements highlighted in the recent report.



Dexy Guillen Villalba
Missionary at Center for Migrants
Quito - Ecuador



Transformation Center

Manta, Ecuador

Glendys: A Decision of Faith That Inspires the Community

During August and September, the congregation experienced significant spiritual growth, driven by the formation of four discipleship groups, each consisting of 25 people. These groups aim to strengthen the faith and support participants in their daily devotional life. To assist in this process, personalized notebooks containing Bible verses and reflective questions were provided, which are discussed in each weekly session.

The most inspiring moment of this period was led by Glendys, one of the attendees. During one of the group meetings, while discussing the topic of baptism, Glendys made the courageous decision to be baptized, publicly demonstrating her commitment to Christ. This decision not only represents her own spiritual growth but has also become a powerful testimony of the impact the discipleship groups are having on participants' lives.

Glendys' example has inspired other members of the community to reflect on their own faith commitment. Her baptism has become a symbol of spiritual renewal, motivating all participants to reconsider their dedication to God and their Christian walk.

This report summarizes the activities carried out during August and September, focusing on the spiritual, personal, and community growth of the youth and adults within the church. It highlights the progress made in discipleship groups, the implementation of life plans, and the enhancement of cognitive learning among pre-adolescents.

Additionally, it mentions music classes, the distribution of water filters, meetings with parents, and a beach outing that promoted the teaching of fundamental values.

Through these initiatives, the aim is to foster a united community grounded in faith and holistic development.



August

1. Discipleship and Attendance

- **Youth:** Continuation of discipleship with 35 youth per class and approximately 45 in total, supported by 4 leaders and pastors.
- **Adults:** Progress to the second phase of discipleship with small groups, initially serving 15 people and 9 in newly opened groups. Daily devotional notebooks were provided.

2. Music Education:

Ongoing keyboard classes for 3 youth, focusing on major scales.

3. Community Projects:

Distribution of water filters to 40 families in the community to improve access to drinking water.

4. Meetings with Parents:

Meeting with approximately 50 parents to organize and communicate planned activities by the church.

September

- **Youth and Pre-adolescent Groups:** Attendance of 40 pre-adolescents and 30 youth on Saturdays, focusing on cognitive development and reading comprehension.
- **Support for Adolescents:** Personalized attention for adolescents facing academic difficulties.
- **Beach Outing:** Activity with 50 participants to discuss topics on dating and physical health, complemented by dynamics and games.

This summary highlights the efforts made to foster spiritual growth and the well-being of the community during these two months.



Escalona Family
Missionary at Transformation Center
Manta - Ecuador



Feeding Center Valencia, Venezuela

150 Children Reached with Love and Faith

During August, over 150 children in the Boquerón community were reached through a week of recreational and evangelistic activities. Daily snacks were provided, filling each child's day with smiles and hope.

This effort reflects the church's commitment to God's mission of spreading the gospel, not only through teaching but also through service and care for those in need. The participation of these children fostered moments of joy and opened doors to plant seeds of faith in their hearts.

This report compiles the activities carried out by Iglesia Tierra de Proezas during August and September, highlighting their community impact through various missional and service initiatives.

In August, Children's Day was celebrated, benefiting over 75 children from Boquerón and 25 from the church in Central Tacarigua, along with their guardians.

In September, the church maintained its presence across five sectors of Parroquia Tacarigua, distributing around 1,000 meals and forming disciples of Christ.



August

1. Children's Day in Boquerón and Central Tacarigua

- **Beneficiaries:** Over 75 children from Boquerón and 25 children from Central Tacarigua.
- **Activities:** Recreation, snacks, and gift bags.
- **Community Impact:** The celebration also reached over 30 adult guardians, who attended and had an opportunity to connect with the church.

September

1. Missional Strategies in Parroquia Tacarigua

- **Sectors Reached:** 5 different sectors of Parroquia Tacarigua.
- **Actions:** Implementation of strategies to share the word of God and make disciples.
- **Food Distribution:** Approximately 1,000 meals were distributed during the month.

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Useche Family
Missionaries at Feeding Center
Valencia, Venezuela



Vida Refuge Center

San Felipe, Yaracuy, Venezuela

Luisana Parra; A Journey of Transformation and Faith

Luisana Parra, a young woman who began her journey with the foundation at the age of 12, has achieved a significant milestone in her academic and spiritual life.

She recently earned her Associate Degree in Integral Design and is continuing her studies to obtain her bachelor's degree. Throughout her path, the foundation has been a key pillar in her development, providing support and guidance.

Today, Luisana is a committed follower of Christ, leading the worship ministry at Iglesia Ciudad Viva, and she is part of the team as a discipleship teacher for children. She also stands out as an excellent preacher.

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August

1. Discipleship

- Throughout the month, the discipleship program continued, serving a total of 73 children. The discipleship took place in three communities located in two municipalities in the state of Yaracuy. It's important to note that the number of children fluctuates monthly, as some drop out while others join the program.

2. Activities with Iglesia Ciudad Viva

- Youth Evangelism:** Support was provided in organizing an evangelism activity aimed at youth and adolescents, with 19 participants. The activity included recreation and learning from the Word of God.
- Special Service:** In commemoration of the third anniversary of the "Ciudad Viva Edad Dorada" church plant, a special service was held where food was distributed to 36 people, including both children and adults.

3. Community Feeding

- During August, a total of 128 meals were distributed, which included the evangelism activities and the special service.

September

1. Discipleship

- The discipleship program continued in three communities: La Mosca, Cantarranas, and Villa Ebenezer, serving a total of 57 children. The focus was on instilling Christian values through teaching the Word of God.

2. Activities with Iglesia Ciudad Viva

- A vacation Bible school was organized in collaboration with Iglesia Ciudad Viva, with 37 children and adolescents participating, who were trained in Christian values.

3. Community Feeding

- In September, 121 meals were distributed in the communities where discipleship and evangelism activities took place.



Yettsy Barrios
Missionary at Vida Refuge Center
San Felipe, Venezuela

Training Report August 2024



Global Report

Total
1278
Leaders Participating
in Our Trainings

Programs in Development

Number of Participants

Introduction to XPan Global	235
Pastoral Development	131
Xpansive Leadership	682
Mentoring School	210
Faculty Development School	20

470 Virtual Trainings
Participating

808 In-Person Trainings
Participating

22.5

Hours of Virtual
Training Sessions

40.5

Hours of In-Person
Training Sessions

17

Virtual Training Sessions

28

In-Person Training Sessions

Participants in Trainings by Countries/Regions

 Venezuela 540

 Brazil 33

 Bolivia 170

 Colombia 176

 USA 28

 Kenya 2

 El Salvador 75

 Mesoamerica 160

 Latin America 94

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Global Report

Programs in Development

Number of Participants

Balance	289
Pastoral Development	8
Xpansive Leadership	157
Mentoring School	36
Faculty Development School	22
Leaders in Multiplication Stage	510

TOTALS

1022

Leaders Participating
in Our Trainings

170 Virtual Trainings
Participating

852 In-Person Trainings
Participating

24.5

Hours of Virtual
Training Sessions

20

Hours of In-Person
Training Sessions

19

Virtual Training Sessions

8

In-Person Training Sessions

Participants by Countries



Colombia 170



Venezuela 30



Bolivia 116



USA 26



Brazil 99



Kenya 2



Other Latin American countries 69
Mexico, Costa Rica, Chile, Ecuador, Etc.

Leaders in
Multiplication Stage



Venezuela 510

Thanks

We highly appreciate your
prayers and giving support.

Cruz & Keydi Paniagua

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