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# Familia de Dios

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## New Jersey Camp 2008

### Weekly Bible Studies

#### Sunday:

Teach Bible class to teenagers at Sherman Ave. Then return to Upper West Manhattan Church to worship there. Drive to Washington, NJ to attend worship and teach teenage Bible class afterwards.

#### Monday:

Study parables with 4 Cruz brothers.

#### Tuesday:

Study with Anthony and Gardner. Study with a Kelvin and Alvin. Teach the teenage class at Sherman Ave.

#### Wednesday:

Study Revelation with my father. Stud Mark with Luz Sanchez.

#### Thursday:

Singing at Sherman Ave.

#### Friday:

Study Romans with Youming. Study James with Madaleyne. Study at my apartment with UWMCO members and invited guests.

#### Saturday:

Teach parables to young class in Fairlawn, NJ. Worship with congregation in Fairlawn.

This was a great year of camp. By far it was the most spiritual that I've attended. There were seven baptisms: Rae, Udem & Idara Essiet, Amilka, Stephanie Rastall, and JJ Mercedes, It was so encouraging to see so many young believers make such an important step in their lives.

Besides the baptisms, the whole camp was still very spiritually based this year. The theme was building character. I got to teach the 10-12 boys. I know that they were encouraged to go home and start showing that their character had grown.

Also, Gardner was encouraging counselors to have extra Bible classes during free time as well. That worked really well. Every free time there were kids studying in groups, and others studying one on one. Those are the classes that really make the biggest difference.

### New Mailing List

Everyone is encouraged to do extra good after camp. Campers and counselors alike. As a counselor, we are real motivated to keep in touch with all the campers that need a little extra encouragement year round.

Unfortunately, life gets busy, and we typically don't stick to our plan as well as we should. In hopes to rectify that fault, I am organizing a mailing list that will help encourage counselors and senior campers to keep in touch with campers year round.

I've been writing back and forth to counselors trying to find a camper that would be a perfect. It is my hope that our "keeping in touch" goes far beyond "hello's". I want real relationships to build. I'll be sending emails to remind counselors to keep up the good work.

Camp is especially useful to me. I am lucky enough to many of the campers year round. Camp is a wonderful opportunity to have some much needed conversations with some of my students. Sometimes the formalities of Bible classes can't have the same positive effect a scheduled heart to heart conversation can. I got to talk to some of my students about baptism, their families, expectations I have, and just life in general.

Camp is also helpful because it gives me opportunity for more classes with kids. Ibys was in my bunk. He is a good guy, but needs a lot of extra attention. Now on Fridays I drive out to Newark to study and play some ball. It's a fun outing, but vitally important for his spiritual future. To all who financially contributed to camp: THANKS!!!!!!





## Trip to Florida

This July I took a trip to Florida. I went to visit some churches that support me, and visit my grandfather.

My time spent with my supporting congregations was very encouraging. Everyone was very interested in the work. Christians told me many encouraging things that made me want to go back home and keep working extra hard. Thank you for all the support.

I also received lots of support and guidance from my grandfather. I'm fortunate to have so much family that is spiritually strong. I wouldn't be able to do this work, alone. I appreciate the prayers and support from all.

## Website Update

I've been pretty high tech since camp. I'm working hard to get my website to be more useful to my students and young Christians all over. In the next week or so I will launch a heavily renovated [HermanoTim.com](http://HermanoTim.com). I will send a letter announcing that so you can visit it then,

Then new site will have a "Student page". This student page will have links to "Bible Readers Club" and "Bible Materials". I've trying to recruit others that want to make videos with spiritual messages on this page. I do one every two weeks or so.

The student page will also have a link to "[WeLoveNewJerseyCamp.com](http://WeLoveNewJerseyCamp.com)". This is a blog to help campers and counselors keep in touch, There will also be a "Pics & Vids" page to give my students some entertainment on the page. The other new feature is "Biblical Answers". This will be a question and answer forum. Students will post questions, and I will have Bible teachers supply answers.

## Church Hopping

One thing I like about working with churches here is that I get to work with so many churches.

I focus on the youth of the Sherman Ave. church, but I'm a member of the UWMCOG. I also teach classes at Fairlawn and Washington, and I want to work with East Orange more in the future.

Now that I have a car, and it's summer, my students have been doing some church hopping with me too. Anthony and Kevin are coming with me to Fairlawn on Saturdays. Carlos wants to go to Washington on Sunday, and Bill has gone with Roger before.

I really like the idea of my kids seeing other great churches. It is a good example for them. Visit churches near you as well!

## New Classes

Ibys Corchado: Ibys is a 10 year old from Newark. I love this guy, but he needs lots of extra attention. Though he made me crazy at camp, I could also tell that he really wanted me to be proud of him. I'm studying and hanging out with Ibys on Friday afternoons.

Tiffany & Jessica: These are two girls that started coming to Sherman Ave. about on month ago. Their mom's boyfriend is Christian and is encouraging them to go to church. They are sweet and fun. I think they really enjoy church. We are studying on Thursdays. Jennifer Rey from church is studying with their mother as well.

Phillip Guillen: Phillip used to attend the UWMCOG, but is busy with work. I was studying with him last year in hopes to encourage him, but he decided not to study. Just recently he decided that he wants to study again. Pray for these people.



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## Young Christian of the Month!!!!



August's young Christian of the month goes to Bill Sanchez. Bill is one of my favorite guys. He showed up to camp one year ago with no spiritual background. He quickly saw that the Christian lifestyle was something he wanted. He decided to no longer be a "bad guy". The past year we've studied on and off. He's attended church on and off. Sometimes I lost hope, but right before camp he became very enthusiastic about church. At camp his enthusiasm increased. He started acting and sounding much more spiritual. Since camp he has done great. He is studying regularly with me and Roger, and attends all the time.