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*To ensure that investing Lord's money in my efforts as a Bible teacher is worthwhile, I offer a summary of the work in NYC/NJ  
September 08-August 09.*

## **Weekly group studies I have taught this past year:**

Sunday junior high/ high school class at Sherman Ave:

- Understanding the Holy Spirit series
- Church Unity series
- Being a Responsible Christian series
- Exodus 32: betraying the Lord
- Evangelism series
- Preparedness for baptism

Sunday junior high/ high school class at Washington Ave (shared with Roger Polanco):

- I & II Thessalonians
- I, II, & III John
- Psalm 101
- Jeremiah: the hard life of a Christian
- Other various devotionals

Monday teen class at Rossy's:

- Glorifying God with your time
- Hannah: giving back to God
- Stopping prejudice
- Gratitude towards God and others
- Other various devotionals

Tuesday junior high/ high school class at Sherman Ave:

- Comprehensive study of Acts
- Comprehensive study of I Corinthians

Thursday junior high/ high school class at Sherman Ave:

- Roger teaches Luke in Spanish

Friday adult class in my apartment:

- Philippians

Saturday junior high/ high school class at Fairlawn:

- How we got the Bible
- Revelation

All day studies:

- I Samuel 1-15: Tim Bunting
- Survey of Deuteronomy: Don Bunting
- Romans 1-11: Matt Lagrone
- Stories of Elijah & Elisha: Roger Polanco

### **Personal classes I've held this past year:**

Carlos & Mercedes: Matthew

Marie: Matthew

Chris: Matthew

The Cruz boys: I Timothy, Philippians

Vanessa: Matthew

lbys: Matthew

Tiffany & Jessica: Matthew

Suweena: Matthew

Grace: Matthew

Bill & Kelvin: OT survey, Hebrews, How to teach a devotional

Anthony: OT survey

Canida: Matthew

Ana: Matthew

Diana: OT survey

Mike: Matthew

### **Personal studies: These are topics that I've have delved into this past year and have acquired above average proficiency in.**

I Corinthians

Matthew

I Samuel

Hebrews

Evidences

Textual Criticism

### **Trips & Camps:**

Isaiah Study: we took about 20 kids to Indiana to hear about 25 hours of teaching on Isaiah. This was an amazing trip.

North East Winter Camp 2009: this year we studied the Minor Prophets. I was given the opportunity to teach. This was a great weekend.

North East Florida College Camp 2009: I was given the opportunity to teach the 11-12 year old group about "Bible Basics". There was also a great focus on prayer. As usual, this week served as a spring board for spiritual growth amongst my kids.

North East Leadership Camp 2009: this was the greatest week ever. I didn't do anything except hang out with the campers and learn from some of the most Biblically knowledgeable men alive.

Mohawk Valley Church of Christ: I've seen been making bi-monthly trips to this congregation in upstate New York. Each trip renders a snap shot of growth. They now have their own permanent meeting place and their first months of mid-week Bible study.

### **Accomplishments/ signs of improvement and growth: these improvements are a group effort that I'm involved in. They are LARGELY due to other vital influences as well.**

Sherman Ave:

My kids have continued to be much more Biblically knowledgeable. After several years of classes, they have a great understanding along with a great desire to study. We are constantly studying and planning more studies. Now several of the young men are able to lead classes as well. I anticipate that others are close behind.

We've been working on church unity. So far we've mostly just tried to get these kids out of the world and focus on them and their needs, now we're trying to teach them to be spiritually independent of us. We want them to take more initiative and work harder with others. They have stepped up and constantly encourage and exhort each other through various media, but we want them to be more in tune with the adults of the church. This coming year needs to be about them assimilating into the rest of the church better

Overall spiritual maturity is increasing. There are many moral issues our young Christians are working through. Many of them are conquering their challenges and temptations. They are seeing that being a Christian is much more than going to Bible classes. There are great steps of personal change, but greater steps still need to be taken.

Six baptisms: Kelvin Arias was baptized this past year. He made the decision in early 09. He is now very spiritually mature. He comes to church ready to work. He is always trying to improve his own morality, but is also extremely sensitive to the spiritual state of his peers and what needs to be done to encourage them. Kelvin's baptism was one of the most sincere changes I've witnessed.

Gary Peralta was baptized. Though young, he has shown some of the greatest spiritual maturity of any other Christian. He is advanced in his understanding of the importance of church unity and his responsibilities in the assembly. The older members of the church were crying and taking pictures the first time Gary presided the Lord's Supper (I don't necessarily approve of that, but it shows how valued Gary is). He needs to grow in maturity, but will be an essential entity of any church he attends.

Anthony Payero was baptized. He has come a long way from his Catholic roots. He is now well founded in the truth. Anthony finally decided to be baptized when he realized that he was postponing the decision for bad reasons. He is a staple and strength in the church, but still needs to grow in maturity and in his conviction to Christ. I can always depend on Anthony to be a hard worker in the church.

Kevin Cruz was baptized. Kevin has been coming with his brothers for about three years. I've been studying with them weekly for about two years. Kevin is a good guy, but he's had some troubles being committed to Christ. His father has slowed him down as well as his own worldliness. As his biblical understanding has grown, so has his love for the world. Kevin has been constantly battling to be more spiritually strong. He has made amazing sacrifices, and although he has far to go, I believe he is on the path of victory. His baptism has helped him see the severity of his commitment.

Chris Santana was baptized. Chris attended briefly years ago, and then spent a long time building some bad habits. He has now returned and decided to put the old man behind. He quickly realized what he wanted and committed himself to Christ long before he developed the strength to walk the Christian walk, but regardless, his decision is sincere. He is now struggling to cease his sinful ways. He also has far to go, but is truly showing a sincere desire to be different. I trust that God will lead Chris to victory as well.

Melissa Severino was baptized. Melissa also attended a while, but then lost interest. She has recently realized that there is no God but our God. She is trying to forsake her futile past. She will have many challenges this school year, but her genuine decision to follow Christ will help her.

#### Washington:

Roger and I have been teaching at Washington on Sunday nights. The young people are continuing to grow there. Two years ago we taught classes about how to teach classes. Now several of those young men are preaching frequently. The young people are maturing in their relationship with God as well.

#### Fairlawn:

I've continued to attend here on Saturdays and bring several kids with me. I haven't taught here as much because we've allowed others the opportunity. German Otriz was baptized this past year.

#### Personal accomplishments:

I've greatly grown in my relationship with God this past year. I've learned how to take drastic measures to finally make the needed personal changes. I'm happy to say that my overall morality and standards have improved. I pray for the humility to keep striving.

In a challenging time of division at Sherman Avenue I was able to remain calm and make some needed compromises to encourage unity. I believe that God's wisdom guided me to greatly improve the environment there.

I've learned how to be more forceful in my teaching and strong in my example. As a typically soft-natured person, I've found it challenging to teach with the full strength of the text. Now I've learned how to teach the word for the demanding truth that it is. I've also learned to be stricter with my kids. I will more readily exhort them when usually I'd just shake my head and forget it. I pray that I can continue to lovingly challenge others to grow spiritually.

This synopsis has come mostly from memory, and I'm certain there is more to report about, but this should serve as a sufficient summary. Feel free to further inquire about any matter. Again I want to stress that any real growth and improvement has come due to so much help from so many other Christians. I am proud of the work that I'm doing, but I feel no right to claim any responsibility over any positive outcome evident today. It is also greatly due to your spiritual and financial support. Without your help, many of these amazing Christians I've come to know would be on their own. For their sake, I say "THANK YOU!" Ultimately it is all due to our Lord and Savior for dying on the cross to save us, patiently wait for us to go to Him, the Holy Spirit for revealing His divine wisdom, and the Lord for causing the growth. May God be with you in everything you do.

In Him,

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