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DEAR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

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Psalm 122:1 - "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." What a privilege it is to be able to go to church every week - to worship freely, and to have fellowship one with another. Iglesia Bautista Evangelica en Ramon Santana is a place of worship, fellowship and growth for so many in this small town.

The church started in September of 2012 and has been a light in the community since the beginning. At first, the people may have been skeptical; after all, churches had started before and then left unannounced. There were Americans coming to "save the town" - but, Americans so easily come and go. They watched from afar - or maybe slipping in for a special program or on Easter. The baptismal is built on the outside of the church building. It was built this way on purpose. Townspeople would often gather around just to see what was happening. Of course, a message of what baptism is all about in the Christian life was presented for anyone to hear.



There have been hurricanes and flooding that left so many without power, food, and shelter. IBERS stepped in - loved their neighbors and served one another. It has certainly been a journey.

We are thankful for the support of IBEM that sent us out to Ramon Santana to start this church plant. After years of preaching the Gospel, discipleship, teaching the responsibilities and benefits of being part of an organized local church, and adopting a church constitution, this group of believers was ready to move from church plant to an organized church.

On October 22, 2023, the group of believers (some who have been there from the very beginning) signed the first charter that signified Iglesia Bautista Evangelica en Ramon Santana (IBERS) as an organized church. We give God all of the glory and pray that He continues to grow the church spiritually and in number in the coming years.

We want to thank our supporting churches, friends, and family for helping to make this possible. Your prayers and financial support allowed us the opportunity to be a part of this work. We are thankful!

Because He Came We Must GO

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