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We are coming to the end of this year 2017, for Venezuela, the year is closing marked by a political, economic and social crisis that affects the population in general.

We Christians stand in struggle with our faith in God, assuming this time with the

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strength that our Lord Jesus Christ gives us (Philippians 4:13), and carrying forward the work of God. We pledge the advent of the new year 2018 with all of the Lord for the national brotherhood and for the entire nation, amen.

Beloved brethren, we give thanks to our God for having blessed us with life to the height of time, and for the New Year to be good and better for each one full of life and health and every blessing of God, because, "Every good gift and every perfect gift comes down from above, from the Father of lights ... "(James 1:17). In this hope, we wish you a **HAPPY YEAR 2018**.

The church in Maturín.

In the previous bulletin, I talked about a RESCUE with the following note:

"A couple of new converts, Antonio and Dora García, who came out of sectarianism, were intercepted two months ago by brothers of the liberal position, took advantage of the innocence and good faith of the new brothers, duped them and took them away. We deal with the invasive and abusive act with prudence and wisdom, avoiding all confrontation. When the time came to deal directly with the brothers, it was done with sincere love, in an atmosphere of peace, with humility and tender fraternity, and to the glory of God, justice and truth triumphed, the brothers were rescued from the liberal system.

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With the help of God, next Sunday these brothers will be reintegrated into the church.”

They returned + = DUPLICATES. Indeed, the brothers returned to the church with two and with two young grandchildren (Esteban and Nhoely), with whom we are already studying the word and accompanying their grandparents to church meetings.



From Left to Right: the Grandchildren, Esteban and Nhoely, the Grandparents, Dora and Antonio.

To God be the glory. "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Cor 15:57).

For the rest, the local brotherhood that has decided to stay, is firm and struggling with faith, and we continue to study the Word, giving us encouragement and encouraging one another to persevere.

Brother Javier Vargas (who did not go to Colombia), is the one who has stayed helping me in the preaching to the congregation and in the attention to contacts.

Other brothers emigrate. Sister Rosimar Marcano, wife of brother Julio Vargas (now in Ecuador) with her two children and her brother in blood, brother in the faith, Renny Marcano, will go to Ecuador in the first week of January 2018, we prayed for them too.

So far this edition. Dear brothers, we reiterate our gratitude for your prayers

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and for supporting us in this work. We have hope in the Lord that better times will come.

Beloved brothers, from here we wish each of you a lot of health, and a HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018.

God willing, it will be until the next edition, meanwhile, we want God to bless you richly, goodbye.

In the love of Christ,

Antonio and familia