



September was a great month as we were able to return to normalcy with our church. In August, we were able to run a full size bus and 2 vans, although it had to be done on the sly. However, now that the government is allowing passenger buses back on the road, we are again running 4 buses just like before. Because we never totally shut down, and we always kept things going in different places, we have been able to recoup our attendance very quickly. It's almost as if the pandemic never happened as far as our church goes. There are still a few formerly faithful people who are scared to return, but we are also getting many visitors. We praise God for His unwavering blessings during this time.

School started back in August but we are only allowed to be virtual. We dismissed 10 of our school personal and reduced the cost of tuition. This was a great point of worry for me, but like always God was more than faithful.

In July, we only had 58 students who had registered. By the first week in October, that number had jumped to 168. We have rehired 3 of our staff who work in administration and maintenance. Praise the Lord.

New Life Baptist Seminary also began in person classes in September. We have a total of 18 this semester. I am teaching Christian Counseling this semester. We were able to ordain one of our young graduates from our seminary in September. We will be ordaining 2 more this week. What a blessing that has been. Just a couple days ago while returning from an excursion with our seminary students, we were somewhat caught up in a protest just outside the capital city. I was hit by a large rock in my leg along with another one of our students. Since we were the very first automobile to be stopped by the protest, when the police responded with tear gas, we could not avoid being gassed. Trying to breath with our shirts over our faces and with eyes burning, we were able to navigate the van around the flames and smoke to the other side where we were free to escape. Life is always an adventure here and we wouldn't want to be serving anywhere else.

We appreciate your prayers and care for us especially during these days of uncertainty.

For the Cause,
Sam, Julie, Celina & Brooklyn Hodges



Javier & Josue got baptized.

