

From Rafael Tovar

To: Gary Copeland

Cc: Church of Christ in Harvest, AL that meets on Kelly Spring Road

July 2023

Good evening, brothers and sisters. Receive the greetings with the brotherly affection of God the Father and of the Lord Jesus Christ. May his Holy Spirit dwell in all of you and in us. This report will serve to inform you of the activities carried out in the month of July, thanking you up front for all the benevolent support you have given me, my family, and the churches of Christ in Barinas-Venezuela.

Thanks to the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord has added several souls so far in the year 2023, thus noticing a growth in the works of Barinas. Keep in mind that we have three faithful churches, strategically located in the city of Barinas. When a baptism is performed, a baptized brother or sister is advised to meet where it is closest to his or her residence since transportation on Sundays is almost nil.

Regarding evangelistic work, I have a close relationship with brother Nino and brother Limber Rodríguez who are in charge of the congregations of Raúl Leoni and Los Pozones, which are inside the city, without forgetting to name Caroní Bajo, which is about 20 minutes from the city and which is attended by myself and a group of collaborating brothers.

I also want to inform you that our liberal (institutional, GC) brothers started a campaign throughout Venezuela, smearing our names, accusing us of being spies and calling us names like “radical antis.” Many brothers have closed the doors to us, and many brothers have gone after offers of high salaries, late-model vehicles, and theology studies in their training centers. They are buying the consciences of some brothers who, due to the bad economic situation of my country, have gone after error and have exchanged the truth for a bowl of stew.

I have written on several occasions to beloved Gary about the economic situation in my country where our pockets are affected daily, limiting the work that we have been doing in other states spreading the truth of the gospel, and recovering a number of churches, like in Barquisimeto where, thank God, hundreds of brothers came to the light of the truth and today persevere in sound doctrine.

I am personally extremely grateful for the unconditional support that you have shown to all the needy brothers of Barinas. Recently, some floods hit the lower part of the city and Caroní Bajo, where most of our brothers in need live. These floods left illnesses and loss of some belongings. Thanks to God and your support, we were able to care for a large number of brothers in need.

I appreciate the support for me and my family who are also battling viruses and other illnesses.

Thanks to God and to all of you, I underwent the lipoma removal surgery with favorable results and am in full recovery.

Being debtors to our Lord Jesus Christ and to all of you.

I attach photographs.

Yours in Christ.

Rafael Tovar.

Church of Christ that meets en La Floresta-Barinas



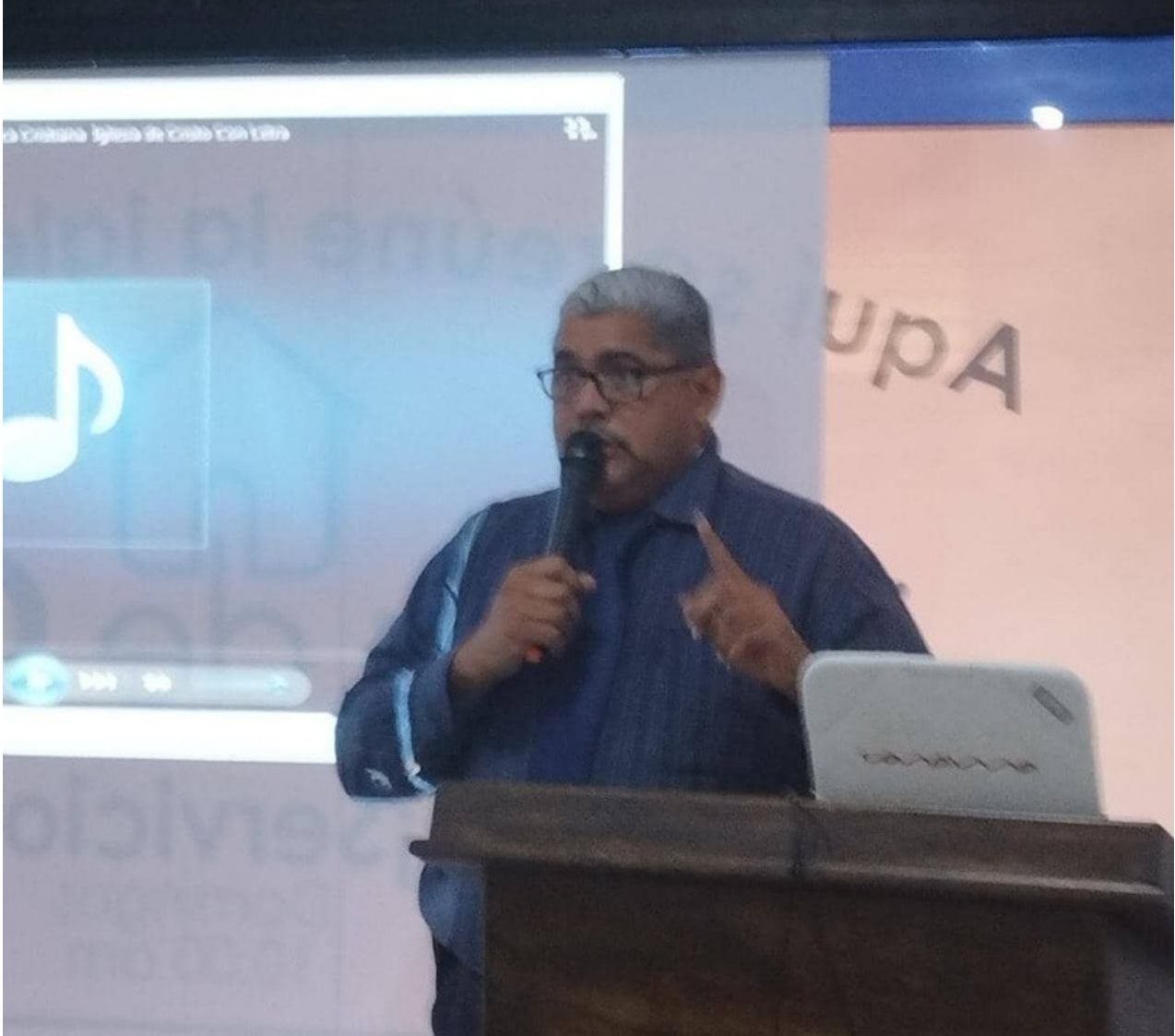












Church of Christ that meets in Caroni Bajo-Barinas









Church of Christ that meets in Los Pozones-Barinas













Baptisms, July



The friend Yelitza Salazar received baptism for the Forgiveness of sins

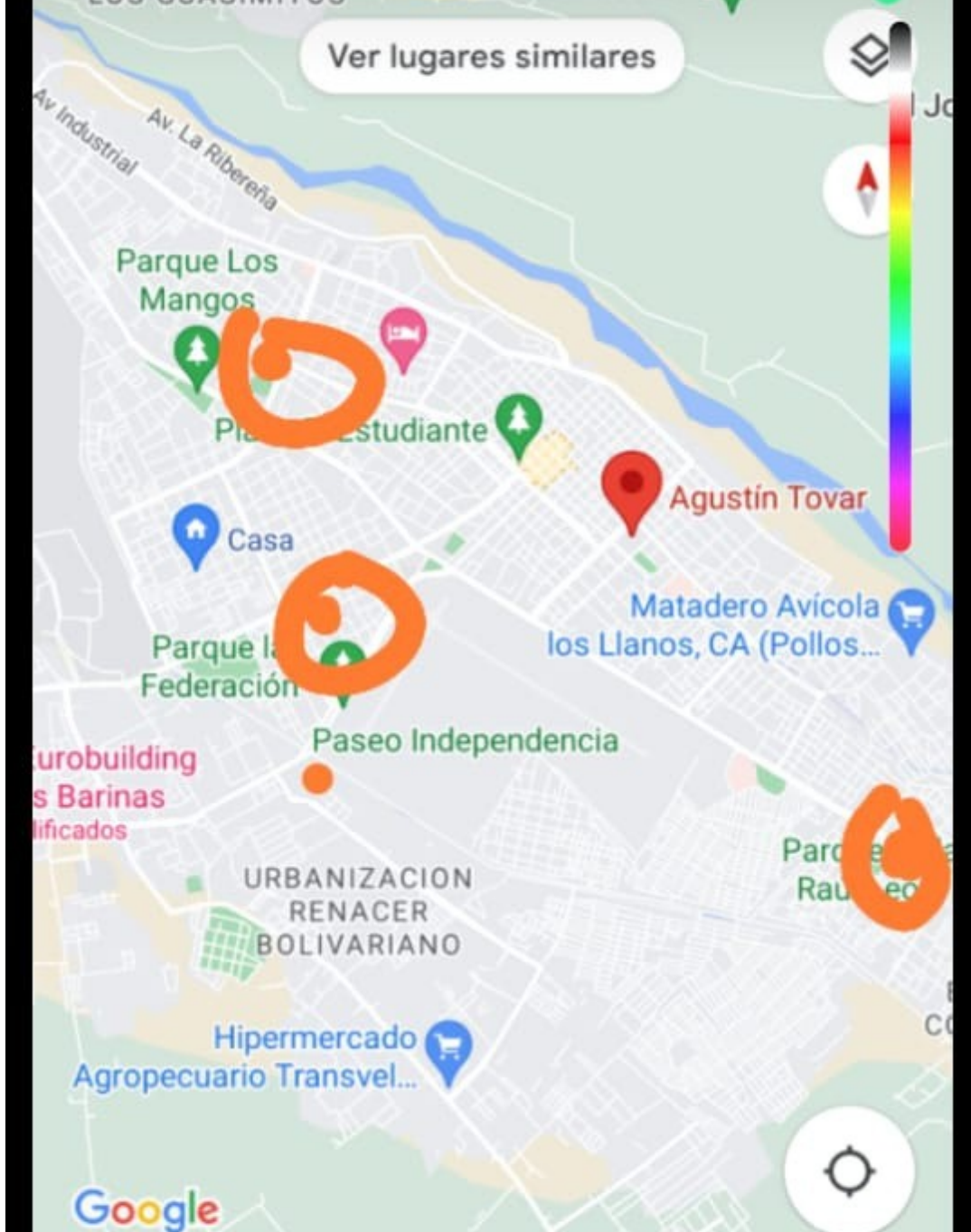


Surgery to remove lipomas









Locations of the three congregations in Barinas, Venezuela

- **Raul Leoni**
- **Los Pozones**
- **La Floresta**