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Dear Praying Friends, September / October 2021

**Matthew 28:18 says, “And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.”**

Christ gave all power or authority to His disciples and therefore the entire church to make disciples. John Bunyan defied the governmental attempts to force him to get a license to preach for twelve years while suffering in jail. He fled the buildings and then went from field to field. He claimed that Christ is the Lord and King of the church, and He alone commissions the preacher and the church to meet, when to meet, how to meet, and what to preach. Our current authorities are trying to be lord of the church and close churches and regulate how we worship. We must likewise be willing to go to jail because of our obedience to God until God changes His Book – which is never!

We praise the Lord for the churches that helped us with the purchase of the bars for the windows of the church after the theft at our church in April of this year. We will also be replacing the two damaged windows and a wall unit air conditioner to prevent further vandalization. God has been so very good to us in providing for His church.

We also praise the Lord for the four visitors that we have had in recent weeks. We pray that God will send more to build His church. The Girls’ Club ministry has been in full swing as well with regular attendance and excited spirits.

The works in Guacara and Valencia, Venezuela, are also abounding with faithful services and ministries that continue to share the Gospel. We are joyous that in spite of the evil and fear around us, God still takes care of His own and He ever remains faithful.

*Alaba al Señor*,

(Praise the Lord)

Gary Ashley