Missionary Report from the Southeastern Field
Ciro Arevalo, Southeastern Field President, Orlando, FL

“... And the Lord contributed....” Acts 2:47, second part

By the wonderful grace of the Lord, on Sabbath, June 22, 2013, we baptized our first member from the city of Pensacola, Florida—Sister Maria Gregorio. Born in Mexico, she is the first fruit of the work being done in this new area in Florida.

For more than one year, we have been working in this area. We have several interested souls, including a couple preparing for baptism in November. Let us pray that by God’s grace, more decisions for Christ will be made in Pensacola.
News from the World of Education:
Orion Christian Academy Opens
Margie Seely, Education Department Leader, Cedartown, GA

By the grace of God, Orion Christian Academy (OCA) is now actively enrolling students. One kindergarten student from Chicago and a sixth grade student from Georgia enrolled at the end of September. Two high school students from Canada have signed up for the free Bible course. Interested families are requesting information. It is exciting to see how God is moving His people!

OCA is new. One of the advantages of being a new school is that is easier to adapt to meet the needs of those it is seeking to serve. As various families present their educational needs, OCA seeks to develop suitable solutions. Input from many people has helped OCA grow.

Here are the educational packages now available from OCA:

**Fully Accredited:** This option provides a fully accredited online education for students in grades 3-12 by offering dual enrollment in OCA (which is actively seeking accreditation) and Alpha Omega Academy (AOA). Four core courses are provided–math, English, history, and science–plus two electives. Presently, this is the only option available for international students and is the program highly recommended for high school and junior high school students. Academic records are maintained, and report cards and/or transcripts are issued by OCA and AOA. **Cost: $200 USD per month.**

**Partially Accredited:** Choose only a select number of accredited online courses while keeping tuition costs down by taking the balance of the courses as textbook-only courses. Lesson plans, teaching assistance, academic records, and report cards and/or transcripts are provided and maintained by OCA and AOA. **Cost: $45 USD per course per month for accredited online courses + $35 USD per course per month for textbook courses.**

**Textbook Only:** For families who prefer educating with textbooks, OCA will provide lesson plans, grading and teaching assistance, academic records, and report cards and/or transcripts for all grades. Course credits earned are currently non-accredited, as our accreditation is in progress. Textbooks are purchased through Bob Jones University Press, Abeka, and Apologia, and must be purchased separately by the family. **Cost: $95 USD per month (book costs not covered by tuition).**

**Non-accredited:** This program uses the same online curriculum as the fully accredited program listed above; but, since it’s not accredited, it is available at a lower cost. This option is highly recommended for students in Grades 3-6, where course accreditation is not such an important issue. Lesson plans, teaching assistance, academic records, and report cards and/or transcripts are provided by OCA. **Cost: $60 USD per month.**

**Single Course:** Need only one course? Accredited and non-accredited online courses are available, as are textbook courses. Request a course catalog. **Cost: $45 USD for single accredited courses; $35 USD for single textbook courses (book costs not covered by tuition); $30 USD per month for single non-accredited courses.**

**Bible Course:** Presently offered to students in grades 8-12 only, this course goes through the *Conflict of the Ages* series in question-and-answer format with supplemental videos and activities. Plans are in place to expand this program to cover all grades. **Cost: FREE.**

**Kindergarten:** A hands-on course of exciting learning and discovery for students just entering the academic world. Designed to be taught by the parent(s) with minimal curriculum from Abeka and plenty of
assistance by OCA. **Cost: $50 USD per month (book costs not covered by tuition).**

**English:** Do you wish to learn to speak, read, and write English? This class is still in the works, but all interested students should request an application form by emailing Margie Seely at margieseely@yahoo.com.

Is there a program listed here that would work for your family’s educational needs? Contact Margie Seely at 404-673-2980 or margieseely@yahoo.com for more information. Certain discounts apply.

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**NE Field Baptisms**

Neptali Acevedo, Northeastern Field President, Bronx, NY

By the grace of our merciful God, six new souls have been added to the ranks of the Lord in this field. On September 22 of this year, Sisters Sindy Calderon and Esther Jocabed Figuereo along with Brother Jose Itsep sealed their covenant with the Lord through baptism in the area of New York. Two weeks later, on October 6, three other souls were baptized, this time in Providence, RI. Sisters Carmen Ione Figuereo, Esther Soto and Brother Jonathan David Figuereo covenanted with our Saviour Jesus Christ in the baptismal waters. Let’s pray for these new souls that they may remain faithful through difficult times.

“I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.” Luke 15:7.
Health Beat: Immune System Hostage Crisis

Imagine for a moment that an ancient city is under attack. The battle is intense. The enemy is relentless in its siege—hurling stones from its catapults, sending a barrage of flaming arrows over the walled fortress, assaulting the city gates. The city’s soldiers put up a brave defense as they line the walls of the city and launch an aggressive counterattack. Their strong resistance gives the city a marked advantage in the battle, until a strange act from the king renders them nearly helpless.

Without any warning, the king suddenly orders the police to arrest the soldiers defending the city and place them in the city’s dungeon. Confused and discouraged, the imprisoned soldiers anxiously listen to the victory cries as the enemy invades the city. The soldiers have been defeated!

If the above story sounds like a foolish fable, it should. No king in his right mind would arrest the very soldiers defending his city. And yet, in our own bodies, this scene repeats itself over and over again as we, the kings and queens of our bodies’ fortresses, stop our immune system from fighting off pathogens whenever we eat sugar.

Within thirty minutes of consuming sugar, the immune system begins to lose its ability to fight off disease. Depending on the amount of sugar consumed, the time the immune system is suppressed can last from two to more than five hours. Any military general will tell you that having your defenses down for any amount of time is risky; however, continually crippling your defenses is simply asking for trouble.

For many people, one sugary dessert is not the only intake of sugar they will consume in a day. Sugar is a standard ingredient in many processed foods. Breakfast, lunch, dinner, beverages, and snacks include sugar, causing the average person’s immune system to be suppressed the majority of the time. Is it any wonder that Americans are so sick?!

In Ecclesiastes 10:17, God pronounces a blessing on the land whose rulers eat for strength and not for drunkenness. We also, as rulers of our bodies, must eat to strengthen our immune systems. Let us follow this sound advice we may have health and clear minds to know and do God’s will.

2013 Calendar

- **November 8-11**: Southeastern Field Children’s Conference in Houston, TX
- **November 29-30**: Southeastern Field Conference in Tampa, FL
- **December 8**: Education Workshop in Cedartown, GA
- **December 14-15**: Southeastern Field Youth Program in Houston, TX