

The Baptism and Ministry of Juan Carlos

Juan Carlos is an intelligent and sincere young man who was raised in the agricultural village of Cheque which lies approximately thirty miles south of the border city of San Luis. Most families in this area make their living by working in the nearby vegetable fields and packing houses where the average wage is ten to sixteen dollars a day. They live in very humble dwellings made mostly of scavenged materials. Education is a luxury to people living in this village environment and very few are educated beyond the grade school level and many have severe literacy problems.

Juan was very fortunate to have completed a partial high school level education before having to go to work in the vegetable fields which is the norm for most young people in their teens



Figure 1: Juan's Baptism

who live in these village areas. Juan's parents, Benjamin and Resalba Gonzales, both received the Lord and were baptized in our Cheque village church. They now serve as very responsible maturing deacons in the village fellowship.

Shortly after the new year, Juan Carlos made a sincere decision for Christ in

his heart and over the past several months has dedicated himself to the study of God's Word and ministry service. Pastor Maria and her assistant, Lapita Ramirez, are working closely with Juan who has been assisting in the children's

ministries. Pastor Maria is trusting that Juan will soon be ready to assist Lapita in the direction and supervision of mid-week prayer, Bible study, and worship meetings. Quite Recently, Juan was given the opportunity to present a scriptural message to the Cheque congregation.



Figure 1: Juan's Parents



Figure 3: Juan Speaking

Regardless of age or educational degrees, our trust is that young men and women will be raised up in these villages in the ministries and gifts of the Holy Spirit just as they were in the New Testament Church. May God's anointing be upon this young man.