



Our church history in wise words.

In this issue we will share with you the life story of one of our church's foundress, mother and sister. She will take us back to past and tell us about our church history for our 37 anniversary.



37 Anniversary

We celebrated our anniversary with all our brothers and sister giving thanks to God for all that He has done during all these past years and trusting that He will be with us to continue spreading his Word in this world.



First aids youth training

Our church youth team has participated on First aids training prepared by Andrea Corpeño, who is studying medicine and was benefited by the Education support program to start her studies. Now she bearing fruits of her effort.



December activities

We are preparing lots of activities to do on this December. We will do a Christmas celebration with the Divina Providencia Hospital patients, Bible school for children at church, Christmas and New Year's Eve celebration and more.



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Example of Christian life

Sister María Olimpia Díaz viuda De Pérez, was born on December 31st, 1931, in the Municipality of Torola Department of Morazán, daughter of Paula Nolasco and Santos Díaz, is the fourth of 6 brothers. When she was 10 years old she knew about the gospel and her mother was the first woman of the municipality who accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior. She mentions that it was thanks to missionaries of the First Baptist Church of Ciudad Barrios in the Municipality of San Miguel, that led by their pastor Ovidio Funes they began a missionary work, with three families of the church, she remember that one of the families was surnamed Segovia, being the first family to accept the gospel, brought her many problems with neighbors and relatives, the family of her mother ignored her and the neighbors made fun of her, when she came to buying from the stores they did not want to sell him and told him to buy from the freemason brothers that he had believed in.

The services were held at the family's home and at that time the brother arrived to the village as a teacher. Maximino Yanes, who also lent them his house to pray, his children are faithful servants of God.



Poverty and continuous teasing forced them to leave the municipality where she was born, so they settled in the Olomega lagoon, and her job was to sell food and attend the services of the First Baptist Church of the Union with her mother and brothers. She mentions there was a brother who worked on the trains he preached because the church had no pastor, this brother was called Heriberto Pérez Peña. This was on 1948.

From the Olomega Lagoon they emigrated to Honduras to look for better opportunities, from that country they had to return in 1972, because El Salvador and Honduras had a war that they called the "100 hours" war in 1969, and the Salvadorans were persecuted and expelled from that country.



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Her mother died, and she decided to come to San Salvador with her 6 children and they worked in private homes, they all saved and bought a little plot in the Municipality of San Martín, they started their new life. She looked for a church to congregate and found the Emmanuel Baptist Church and the First Baptist Church of San Salvador, in the latter he met Brother Heriberto Pérez Peña, who was a widower and proposed marriage and they married in the year of 1976.

Brother Virgilio Méndez Mármol (First Pastor of El Cordero de Dios Baptist Church) and Brother Heriberto were evangelists from house to house, and they were assigned the missionary field of Colonia Zacamil building 433, apartment No.16, in Mejicanos, department of San Salvador.

They as good Christians accepted the challenge, and they gave them the key to the apartment (today's Baptist Church El Cordero de Dios) where they would start their ministry. Brother Virgilio with his wife Margarita Méndez and Brother Heriberto with his wife Olimpia viuda de Perez, found the apartment with benches and a consecrating table. From there he began his house-to-house ministry, apartment by apartment, his trust in God and constant prayer, were the key to the success of the ministry.

They had to face insults humiliations and risks from the armed conflict that was happening in that moment in El Salvador. Sister Olimpia, Brother Heriberto and Evita, had to travel two hours, from where they lived to the mission field; many times they found themselves in the middle of the bullets, but the protection of God was with them.

The first family that accepted the call was Sister Transito Herrador, who together with her grandchildren Omar Molina (Today a faithful believer together with her family, now residing in Puerto Rico), Alex and Carlos. The second person to accept the gospel was Sister Nidia de Rodríguez, coming to the church with her mother Rosa Bonilla, today of grateful remembrance, her sister Carmen and her nephew Carlos. Thank God the 5 brothers of Sister Nidia serves Jesus in different churches as a result of this tireless work, and so more brothers and sisters were added to the church.

Sister Olimpia, together with her daughters and brother Heriberto, her husband, they managed to build a house with a lot of effort in the land they had bought, they were very happy to enjoy their home they had longed for, but in 2009 they had to flee because of threatened groups of criminals, it was a very difficult time, and very afraid, overnight were homeless.

Thank God, with much effort today they have a small house, where Sister Olimpia lives with her twin daughters, Ada and Vitalia and surrounded with the love of her daughters, grandchildren and many people who are very fond of her.

Sister Olimpia de Pérez is the mother of Evangelina Díaz, a faithful servant of El Cordero de Dios Baptist Church.

In January of 1988, Brother Heriberto died, he was run over by a public transportation bus while he was buying his treaties at the San Salvador Center.





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At 87 years old, Sister Olimpia is a woman of faith, tireless, her life is an example for the new generations. Our church is grateful, even though she has transportation difficulties and it's hard for her to attend to the church, she continues praying and her offerings for our community are constant. She is a woman of God, who today harvests the planting she did in the course of her life.

"In the way of life, you have to struggle a lot, encounters many obstacles, but Christians walk convinced that God walks with us, that we walk under his protection and that he always gives victory".

Sister Olimpia Diaz viuda de Pérez.



Thanks to everyone who has been praying for our ministry and for our community. You have help us to continue working for God's kingdom during these 37 years.

El Cordero de Dios Baptist Church