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**FRATERNITY OF
BAPTIST CHURCHES
OF CUBA (FIBAC)**

PASTORAL ON DISABLED PERSONS

Thursday, February 21, 2008

By: Lic. Sergio Troyano

He who perseveres... triumphs

Almost all the persons with membership in the churches affiliated to the Fraternity of Baptist Churches of Cuba, that have participated in national assemblies or that have been at the church at Vedado, know without a shadow of a doubt Rafael Durán.

Although almost everyone calls him “Grin”, Rafael is a mentally disabled person; specifically, he is a carrier of the Downs Syndrome. For many years he has developed leadership skills at his local church (William Carey) and at an ecumenical level.

Rafael, encouraged by his pastor and by some deacons and deaconesses of the church; very early every Sunday welcomes the brothers, sisters and visitors that attend the normal activities of the church for that day. Also, he distributes the bulletins especially printed for the occasion and Sunday after Sunday, he stresses to the people to take care of them, not to throw them in the bathrooms, once read, but to take them home and share them with others that haven't seen them.

This brother attended every Saturday without interruptions, during the required time to graduate from the Superior Institute of Biblical-Theological Studies in Havana, ISEBIT, due to the call that he manifests to have received for service in the work of the Lord.



Many were the years actively attending the Frank Pais brigade, together with pastors Juan Francisco Naranjo and Estela Hernández ; as well as the time he insisted to find a place where to stay and from where he could serve. Also it was quite the time that he needed, as well as the churches and the denomination, to understand which was his place and where he could serve more and better, as well as how to develop the capabilities that God has given him.

Today Rafael, as a request and decision of the Pastoral of

Persons with Disabilities of the FIBAC, is a member of the national team of said pastoral and carries out the role of pastor of the team. In other words, he is the person appointed by the national team to look after the disabled persons as a pastor in our events and activities with regional and national character through the length and width of our beautiful island.

This has been a report of the course of events of our pastoral.

Your brother,
Lic. Sergio Troyano
Pastoral Coordinator of Persons with Disabilities
Fraternity of Baptist Churches of Cuba

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Below written in Spanish.



Pastoral de Personas con Discapacidad.

Matanzas, jueves, 21 de febrero de 2008

El que persevera... triunfa

Casi todas las personas con membrecía en iglesias afiliadas a la Fraternidad de Iglesias Bautistas de Cuba, que han participado en asambleas nacionales o han estado en la iglesia del Vedado, conocen sin lugar a dudas a Rafael Durán.

Aunque casi todos lo llaman “Grin”, Rafael es una persona con discapacidad intelectual, específicamente portador de Síndrome Down. Por muchos años ha desarrollado un liderazgo en su iglesia local (William Carey) y también a nivel ecuménico.

Rafael, motivado por su pastora y por algunos diáconos y diaconisas de la iglesia, cada domingo recibe bien temprano a los hermanos, hermanas y visitantes que asisten a las actividades normales de ese día en la iglesia. También reparte los boletines editados especialmente para esa ocasión y domingo tras domingo, les insiste a las personas que los cuiden, que no los dejen tirados en el baño, una vez leídos, sino que los lleven a casa para que los compartan con otras personas que no los hayan visto.

Este hermano, también asistió de manera ininterrumpida cada sábado, durante el tiempo requerido para graduarse en el Instituto Superior de Estudios Bíblico-Teológicos de la Habana, ISEBIT, debido al llamamiento, que manifiesta haber recibido del Señor para servir en su obra.

Fueron muchos años asistiendo activamente a la brigada Frank País, junto a los pastores Juan Francisco Naranjo y Estela Hernández; así como el tiempo que insistió para encontrar un espacio donde ubicarse y desde donde pudiera servir. También fue bastante el tiempo que él necesitó, así como las iglesias y la denominación, para entender cuál era su lugar y dónde podía servir más y mejor, así como poder desarrollar las capacidades que Dios le dio.

Hoy Rafael, a petición y decisión de la Pastoral de Personas con Discapacidad de la FIBAC, es miembro del equipo nacional de dicha pastoral y se desempeña como pastor del equipo. Es decir, es la persona, que ha sido nombrada por el equipo nacional, para atender pastoralmente a las personas con Discapacidad en nuestros eventos y actividades, con carácter regional y nacional a todo lo largo y ancho de nuestra bella isla.

Ha sido un reporte del acontecer de nuestra pastoral.

Fraternalmente:
Lic. Sergio Troyano
Coordinador Pastoral de Personas con Discapacidad
Fraternidad de Iglesias Bautistas de Cuba

April 2008

Tuesday 1st 6:30 PM

Shilo Inn Tacoma

7414 South Hosmer Tacoma 253-581-6373

Sunday 6th through Tuesday 15th

Mission Trip to Cuba

Sunday 20th 10:00 AM

Harvest Life Christian Center

1105 Tracey LN SE

Lacey 360-412-5471

Pastors Mike & Johanna Burkhardt

Monday 21st 7:00 PM

AGAPE Foundation

640 N Fife Tacoma

Pastors Mita & Ray Schmid

Sunday 27th & Monday 28th 7:00 PM

Faith & Vision Ministries

At Lifegate Foursquare Church

307 East Main Street Auburn

253-850-1300

Pastor Jack Bernard

Tuesday 29th 6:45 PM

Hill Residence

5919 Lagoon Lane

Gig Harbor

253-265-6575

May 2008

Tuesday 6th 6:30 PM

Shilo Inn Tacoma

7414 South Hosmer

Tacoma 253-581-6373

Sunday 18th through Tuesday 20th

The Meeting Place Church

Kettle Falls Pastor Lola Newcomb

Sunday 25th & Monday 26th 7:00 PM

Faith & Vision Ministries

At Lifegate Foursquare Church

307 East Main Street Auburn

253-850-1300

Pastor Jack Bernard

Tuesday 27th 6:45 PM

Hill Residence

5919 Lagoon Lane

Gig Harbor

253-265-6575

June 2008

Tuesday 3rd 6:30 PM

Shilo Inn Tacoma

7414 South Hosmer

Tacoma 253-581-6373

Sunday 29th & Monday 30th 7:00 PM

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At Lifegate Foursquare Church

307 East Main Street

Auburn

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Private meetings not listed above.



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Happy Mother's Day to all you mother's this May 11th. We remember and honor you on this special day. We love you!

We hope that you are all able to enjoy your Memorial Day weekend as you remember all those who have gone on before us. May we never forget the price that was paid for us, both spiritually and in this physical world in which we live.

**We wish all our father's out there a very Happy Father's Day June 15th!
Dad you're the BEST!!!**

Congratulations to all the seniors graduating from school both High School and College. It is no small task that you have accomplished and we celebrate with you!!!

Our office telephone number is #253-581-6373 Office hours Monday—Tuesday 10:00—3:00 pm