



Under the Southern Cross

“In just six days, God led us to a much better meeting place.”

-- Dixon Pérez, June 2018

A Moving Story

On a Sunday evening in May, Curtis and his faithful young elder, Dixon, were discussing possibilities for a future home for our group of believers in Punta Mira. It's not easy to find property in the area, let alone something adequate for a church, but after keeping their eyes open for months, they'd seen a place that might work. "Shouldn't we tell the congregation about this?" Dixon suggested anxiously. "Let's wait until we have a little more information about it," Curtis said.

What Dixon knew—but Curtis hadn't yet heard (because of a phone glitch)—was that the owners of the rental house where the church had met for three years had just asked for their property back...**immediately!** Dixon passed the night in a panic, wondering where the church could **move** to—and why he didn't seem to have as much faith as Pastor Curtis! 😊 He was somewhat relieved the next morning when his pastor went into action after learning of the situation from the mother-church leaders.

That week we asked for prayer all over the country while Curtis and Dixon checked out possible solutions. By Saturday night, they had a verbal agreement with a lady who really wanted to sell her place but was willing to rent for only \$10/monthly more than we had already been paying. A house twice as big—only a couple of blocks from our previous rental—on Portugal Avenue, one of the neighborhood's principal streets—**and in less than a week!** Almost less time than it takes to tell the story.



While the ladies packed up dishes and Sunday School materials, the men got to work transforming a narrow breezeway into an enclosed meeting room. **Eduardo**, a



carpenter, was laid off from his job that week and dedicated all his time

to preparing the new church building. **Cristian**, an electrician, installed lights. **Curt** did welding on the doors, gates, and fences. **Dixon** was the jack-of-all-trades and **Nelson** became their gofer. They deserved the celebration fish fry!

The miracle **move** took place just a couple of weeks later. On **June 3**, the **Punta Mira Bible Center's** first service was held at the new location, followed by the Lord's



Table and a winter picnic in the (much bigger) yard. Praise the Lord for our new church

quarters and please continue to pray for **an adequate permanent "home", in the area, at a price we can afford.**

Thank you also for praying about: **-an evangelistic outreach for children**, July 7, with plans to begin **a regular Saturday club** soon **-our first couples' meeting**, July 8 - and **the need for steady work** for many in the congregation.