

Brief Report

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Brayan Daniel Rodríguez,

Candelaria Afuera, Floro Pérez, Holguín, Cuba,

finds the Truth in tracts we sent him,

and desires to be baptized.

“Dear Brethren in Christ Jesus, abundant blessings for you and your families.

I am Brayan Daniel Rodríguez González, a young Christian since I was eight years old who desires to know about, and visit, the true church that Christ himself built... the CHURCH OF CHRIST.

I am 15 years old, and, though you might find it hard to believe, I have spent 8 years in Christianity, going from one church to another in search of the Truth.

I accepted Christ in an evangelical church. Then, I went to another, the Seventh Day Adventist church, where I was baptized by immersion. After discovering the errors of Adventism, I went to another evangelical church. And, now, I am not in any church, but do continue praying and studying the Bible.

I have been confused for years, and have suffered a lot while looking for the Truth. Until today, when I found it. In an envelope you sent me months ago, in some very good tracts. At the time they arrived, I put them away, not reading them. But, God who is so great, put in my heart to read them today. I was impacted by one intitled “*The Church Christ Built,*” and others on Bible prophecies. I think I need to begin from zero. In a new church, listening anew to the gospel, repent, CONFESS CHRIST AS THE LORD, and, lastly, go into the waters of baptism. I know there is only one baptism, but it is valid when carried out after a confession of true faith, founded on THE TRUTH, and not on the LAW OF MOSES, but under THE LAW OF CHRIST AND THE GRACE THAT SAVES US. I do not know what your opinion may be. You will know what needs to be done.

I am sending you my address, telephone and e-mail so that some minister of the gospel may contact me and visit me. I am Cuban. My address is: Brayan Daniel Rodríguez González, Candelaria Afuera, Floro Pérez, Provincia: Holguín, Cuba, CP 84100. I live in a small barrio called Candelaria Afuera.

If perchance there are churches of Christ in Holguin, they may contact me when you give them my address. My telephone is (53) 52075765. I am always available. I study, but due to the Corona Virus situation in my country they have given us a month off.

Well, I hope you will reply. May God bless you!”

Hopefully, we will soon be informed that Brayan has been baptized.

The words in capital letters in the above translation appeared capitalized in the e-mail sent by Brayan.

There are three congregations in the province of Holguin, Cuba, according to the information we have. Since no phones or e-mails are listed for the three, I also sent Brayan data on the Media Luna congregation, in the adjoining state of Granma, for they have two e-mails and a telephone listed. Also, sent Brayan's e-mail to the e-mails of the Media Luna church.

Due to the Corona Virus threat, for the last two weeks, Rita and I have not left our house here in Tamarac, and are doing very well, thankfully. Antonio and Sharon Laretta are staying in their respective homes, and are well.

May the Lord keep you safely through these critical times.

Dewayne