Oscar Monestario has been studying for quite a while in our Bible school. All last year he would come to me with tears and tell me of his burden for a little village called Canela, located about 3 hours north of Santiago. There was a small group meeting there, but they needed a pastor. One of our guys in the south had been working with them, but he was really stretching to make it up there once or twice a month. It's about 6 or 7 hours from his place.

Oscar recently married and went to Canela twice a month on his own money much of the time. His burden for this village pushed him out of his comfort zone.

About 3 months ago, the board voted to place him over the church in Canela. A group of bible school students went up there for a street meeting and evangelism. They have rented a building and are having services and, I believe, have baptised 2 or 3 people. I really believe that Oscar and Debi are going to do well there. They are a sweet, wonderful young couple.

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Here are a few pictures of the the work Oscar is doing and a few of the students helping him.



Oscar praying for the children before the first day of the school year.



Part of the group that went for evangelism.



One of the students preaching an open air meeting in Canela.



Oscar is in the center and his wife, Debi is to our left.