



Puerto Rico's flag.



Trae Rivera, CC Puerto Rico, rejoices at the event.



Young women hug at the White Field Crusade.

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White Field Crusade 2004

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CC Puerto Rico Pastor Dan Crespo felt that the Lord gave him a vision to organize a local evangelistic ministry in the heart of the capital city of San Juan. The first White Field Crusade was held at a theater in January 2003. That success gave the young, mission-minded church a year to plan—they would begin the New Year of 2004 with an outreach that would share the Gospel with an island.



Actress Gladys Rodriguez, Pastor Dan Crespo, and Myriam Matos pray together before the start of the Crusade.



CC Old Bridge missionaries help with the Crusade set-up.

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CC Old Bridge missionary Ray Dash, right, passes out invitations to the Crusade.



Explosions and pyrotechnics start the outreach at opening night of the youth jam.

... ***“Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!”***

John 4:35

It was an overflow crowd for the 1,300 available seats. Teens had come to hear local rock and reggae bands. The Gospel message would follow.

“BOOM!” An explosion of fire and sparks of lights came up from the stage. It startled the jam-packed audience on the first night’s youth jam. Loyda Ester Rodriguez had come at the encouragement of a friend. She was not expecting pyrotechnics to frighten her out of her seat. The 24-year-old’s attention was riveted to the stage from that moment on.

Loyda had been struggling with a relationship that she knew was unhealthy. It seemed to grip her life. When Rodrigo Rodriguez played guitar, the world-class aficionado played in a fashion that spoke to her heart.

Pastor Lloyd Pulley, CC Old Bridge, NJ, told of the sweet relationship available with Jesus Christ. Loyda felt the chains of her despair begin to melt away, and she walked forward to accept Jesus as her personal Savior. “The Lord made me free, broke my chains, and cleansed me. I no longer have a guilty conscience. I can now live in peace knowing that He has a purpose in my life, and He leads it, too.”

I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my supplications.

Psalm 116:1



Rodrigo Rodriguez is known worldwide for using his classical guitar and Latin rhythm to further the Gospel.

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Pastor Dan Crespo, CC Puerto Rico



Pastor Lloyd Pulley, CC Old Bridge, shares Christ with the audience through translator Myriam Matos.



Pastor Lloyd Pulley was the guest speaker for the three-night crusade.



Puerto Rico is the fourth largest island in the Caribbean.



Young adults and teenagers are touched by the worship music. Many came forward to rededicate their lives at the youth jam.



A local restaurant owner was all smiles when invited to the crusade.

Although the crusade was free, some 19,000 complimentary tickets were distributed locally through bookstores and a sponsoring radio station, on the streets, in malls, and at beaches as part of the sowing process.

“I loved being part of the White Field Crusade,” commented crusade worker Lorena Vidal. “The auditorium packed out three nights, and we saw so many people receive Christ.”

Two hundred people either accepted Christ as their Savior for the first time or rededicated their lives at the event. According to the cards filled out, more than 2,000 indicated that they wanted CC Puerto Rico to help meet their spiritual needs. Pastor Dan was amazed at the response. “We can only rejoice while observing the mighty work that the Lord is doing here in Puerto Rico,” he said. “It was incredible to witness so many young people dedicate their lives to Jesus Christ.”

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.”

John 5:24

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Dozens of people streamed toward the stage as worship leader Nick Crespo played guitar. Counselors were waiting there with open arms to give them literature and pray for them. Seventy youth hugged, laughed, and cried as they came forward. Pastor Razz Vazquez of CC Miami was the master of ceremonies. Step by step those in the crowd were led to fill out cards to help meet their spiritual needs.

Eighteen-year-old Joel Ramos had come to hear Rodrigo Rodriguez play the guitar. The new Christian and aspiring musician wanted to play like Rodrigo someday. “My friends and family rejected me when I became a Christian at last year’s White Field Crusade. But today I have a new family at church, and the Lord has given me a reason to live. Now I surrender my life to Him, and He helps me make wise decisions.” Joel’s dad attended “Adult Night” and accepted Christ as his Savior. He now attends church faithfully with his son.

For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”

Romans 10:13

The focus of the crusade was to bring the Gospel to all areas of society in a non-threatening environment. Prayer sustained the work, finances were provided, all musical artists and ministers confirmed their participation early on, and the venue was secured.



Many came forward to the invitation at the end of the youth jam night.



Families embrace as a young man gave his life to the Lord. Two hundred people either accepted Christ as their Savior for the first time or rededicated their lives at the event.

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Dan Crespo had been the pastor of CC Flower City, NY. It began as a church plant out of CC Westside, which itself had been an outreach of CC Finger Lakes. Dan accompanied his pastors, Henry Tomasso and Bill Gallatin, to Puerto Rico, seeking God’s direction for a church there. During their visit all three pastors felt that God was confirming that Dan was the one to plant the church in Puerto Rico. Dan’s entire family moved there in 1998. He worked construc-

tion for several years before CC Puerto Rico began to flourish.

A tropical island best known for its beautiful beaches, Puerto Rico is one of the most densely populated islands in the Caribbean. With just under four million residents, it has set a standard for industrial development and economic success within the region. Students go to college to fulfill their professional goals. Families work hard to achieve a

high standard of living, but a deep spiritual void is evident. Few know the true beauty of an intimate walk with Jesus Christ.

... that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death.

Philippians 3: 10

Please pray for the next four-day White Field Crusade January 20–23, 2005.