



## Simon Bolivar Beteta

November 2, 1940 - July 17, 2013

Simon Bolivar Beteta November 2, 1940 - July 17, 2013 Simon was born and raised in New York City to Carlos Beteta & Marina Carbia, their 6th child. His father was from Nicaragua and his mother from Puerto Rico. In 1966, Simon found a personal transformational freedom in Christ Jesus through the ministry of David Wilkerson's Teen Challenge (TC) in Brooklyn, NY. While TC was the vehicle God used to attract Simon, it also became the major focus of his life and ministry for many years. He became a junior counselor in the Brooklyn TC upon completion of the program. In 1968, he met the love of his life, Maria Belen Avila when he travelled to the Bethany College of Missions in Minneapolis, MN to recruit workers for TC. He married Maria on May 2, 1970 in San Antonio, TX after she finished a one year missionary service in Puerto Rico. Simon and Maria had 3 children, John Paul (Tracy), Joseph Simon (Ana Maria) and Lisette Joanne (Jeremy Summers). Simon attended the TC Bible Institute in Rhinebeck, NY graduating in 1972. He received his Ministers License at that time. He took part of his class-room studies at the South Eastern Univ. of New Hampshire from 1978-80, graduating with a BS degree. In 1993 he was ordained by the Assemblies of God. His ordination was kept active throughout his life. Simon became the Program Director at the TC Camp Champion in upstate New York until 1985. He directed the San Antonio TC Center from March, 1985 until 1989. In 1990 he became the Re-Entry Supervisor at the Midland, Texas TC. At a later date he was the Program Director through 1998. Because of serious back problems, he took an early

retirement. Even then, Simon continued periodic voluntary work with the Midland TC. His heart for helping disciple and train young men never ceased even when he was physically unable to continue serving. After retirement, he devoted much of his time and energy into their beloved grand-children. Simon is survived by his wife of 43 years, Maria of Savannah, TX, their three children, John Paul, Joseph "Joey" and Lisette Summers, and 8 grand-children: Leighla and Johnathan Beteta, Christian Joseph "CJ", Nicholas "Nico" and Xavier "Xavi" Beteta, Jadyn, Madison and Jason Summers. He is also survived by an older brother, Charlie Beteta in Puerto Rico and many nieces, nephews and in-laws. Simon is preceded in death by his parents and his siblings, Julio, Rosie, Winnie and Albert. The service will be lead by Pastor Mike Hanks of 1st Assembly of God, Midland, TX at the Slay Memorial Funeral Center, Aubrey, TX. Interment will follow at Zion Cemetery in Little Elm, TX. There will be two memorial services following the funeral to celebrate Simon's life with dates and location to be announced. The first will be held in Midland and the second in San Antonio. In lieu of flowers, the family would encourage you to donate to a Teen Challenge ministry of your choice. On-line condolences may be shared at [www.SlayMemorialFuneralHome.com](http://www.SlayMemorialFuneralHome.com). To send a flower arrangement to the family of Simon Bolivar Beteta, please [click here](#) to visit our Sympathy Store.

# Tribute Wall

RC

“ Simon you are an awesome guy and a great man in God's eyes. I remember you and Pete Rios praying with me at camp champion and the H.S. lit me up. I wish there were do overs so I could tell you how much I appreciate you and all the memories I have.

Ricky Conner - August 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Dear Maria and family, Simon was a wonderful husband and father. I especially enjoyed his friendship. Simon would always pray for me whenever I asked. I will never forget his smile. Simon went through a lot of rough times but still carried on with great courage like the man of God he was. He will be missed but if we live right, we will see him one day again. I love this family and Maria has been my friend for so many years and we will continue to keep each other in prayer. Stay strong and be blessed knowing Simon is free of pain and suffering. Love you all and if you need me I am here for you.

Lynda Jackson - August 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ To 6 years of fond memories of working side by side with Simon at Teen Challenge Camp Champion. We will miss you my brother but will meet again on the other side of the river in glory.

John & Nancy Consolo - July 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Remembering you in prayer at this time...as we have previously. Bless you, Belen...we love you and pray for the Lords' comfort and peace as well as a sence that He has something in mind for your future in Him. Blessings to you.

July 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ dear maria, john paul, and joey so sorry for your loss but so many many good times. Time goes by so quickly seems like yesterday all of the kids were playing at camp champion now they r all grown with familes of their own' God has been good to all of us. i thank God for each and every person there cuz they changed my life and my family's life. it is not good-bye but till we meet again. God will keep us tull that times comes. love to u all

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**maxine Anthony** - July 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dear Maria and family, I prayed for Simon's healing. And we know he is at this time completely whole. I realize that this does not change the fact that he is gone, may God comfort you in your grief and give you strength for each new day. My prayers are with you. Blessings Mai Lou Stiles, Huasca de Ocampo, Hidalgo, Mexico.

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**Mai Lou Stiles** - July 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Marie and Family, We were so sorry to hear of your husband's passing. You are in our hearts, thoughts, and prayers. Love in Christ, Bill & Mary Ann Silber A couple of your friends at Grace Fellowship Church

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July 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Maria and family, Marsha and I are so sorry to hear of Simon's passing. (Gary Carnie told me of Simon's long battle.) We came to know you during the Midland TC days. The work he did for the Lord by touching all those young men and workmen is a legacy that will carry on into eternity. Simon will certainly be missed. May God bless you all. David and Marsha McNeely Boston Assemblies of God Missionaries from West Texas

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David McNeely - July 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ I am so sorry for your lost. John Paul your parents were great people to me and my family. God bless! If y'all need anything let us know. Love tj, Dianna and Lilli page.

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Dianna page - July 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ my parents worked with Simon for many years at Camp Champion Teen challenge. Simon was an amazing man. Touched many lives. love from the Anthony family

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July 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ Simon and I went to Bible College together in Rhinebeck, NY. We then served the Lord in New York City at Brooklyn Teen Challenge. Simon, loved the Lord with all his heart and won many men to Jesus Christ. He is my example of a great man of God.

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Stan Noll - July 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Our prayers are with you Maria and family. Simon was a man who was blessed in this life and now is blessed with reward. He is home and secure in Jesus arms. We will be praying for the family.

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**Jerry and Linda Coward** - July 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ May your happy memories of your father bring you comfort during this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Lance Perez** - July 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ JP, im truely sorry for your loss. I know he is at piece now. Keep your chin up and let me know what I can do to help.

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**Bill Boone** - July 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ JP,I have to say you look a lot like your father. I enjoyed reading about his life of service to Christ and others. Know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers continually. |"And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."2 Cor. 12:9

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**Cary Adams** - July 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Maria,JP,Joey and Lisette our thoughts and prayers are with you. Simon's kind manner and smile was always a blessing to all of us. He ministered to so many people and he will be greatly missed.If there is anything we can do, please let us know. Love you all, Joe and Gloria Alcala*

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July 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *See you on the other side brother!*

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**David Mollard** - July 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Heaven is truly a sweeter place as Simon has received his great reward and is at home with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...he was a great man. Loved the way he always greeted everyone so warmly with a hug and a kiss on the cheek. He always seemed genuinely interested in how you were doing...know he will be missed by family and friends. May God comfort his precious family! You are also our family and we love you dearly!*

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**Sandy Summers** - July 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *My prayers are with your family through this difficult time. Love you Lisette!*

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**Amy Foster** - July 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Maria, JP, Joey, Lisette and extended family.... I have been blessed by thinking back on memories of all of us serving the Lord together and of the love that our families shared. Simon has touched an untold number of lives throughout your years of serving the Lord. What a reunion there will be one day. Heaven's sounding sweeter all the time. I love all of you so very, very much.*

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**Debi Mogab** - July 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *I love all of y'all and wish I could come but I can't get off work. I'm praying for y'all Love Steven Baugh*

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**Steven Baugh** - July 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ *To the Beteta family, you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Glenn Roser** - July 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Praying for the Beteta Family. May GOD comfort and keep you. Love you JP!*

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**Dwight Hicks** - July 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM