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Esteemed brethren,

I am off to a good start this first month of 2016! I am now between preaching appointments having returned yesterday from my meeting in Miami, Florida. It is a joy to report once again the work I continue to do in the Lord's Kingdom - with the Lord's help, and with your prayers and financial assistance. Following is an abbreviated report on the work I did during the month of January and my plans for the following months.

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic - January 6-15

I made my way down to *Santo Domingo* as planned. Brother *Arcadio Muñon* and I joined our efforts as planned and worked with several local churches: *El Mamón*, *Kilometro 24* and *Guerra*.

Arcadio is doing an excellent work with the local church in *El Mamón*, right in the middle of the large military community known as San Isidro. There are other local churches in this sector, all identified with the institutional movement. Some of these invite him, and us, to preach. However, Arcadio is busy in the beginning of the church in *Guerra*, where sister *Altagracia* is building a church house for the saints there. The construction of the church building is almost finished. The back open section is ideal for now as a temporary meeting place. The local church is small in number, but is focused, determined and busy. Arcadio is a worthy man, extending his work with other brethren and churches in Santo Domingo.

Please note that Arcadio is in urgent need of monthly funds to cover his car expenses. If anyone can assist him, please let me know. He and another brother are the only full time preachers among sound churches in the Dominican Republic.

The local churches in *Kilometro 24* and *El Mamón* are about the same size in number. Since our last visit last January, their number remains about the same, in the 30's. Both churches are far from having qualified men to serve the church as elders. This has specially hindered the church in *Kilometro 24* in dealing with local issues that threaten their unity and work.

I was limited in my preaching work due to recurring colon issues; unable to keep several preaching appointments in Santo Domingo. However, when I returned home, as scheduled, I had medical exams which showed minor colon issues. Final results will come in the next two or three weeks. Doing much better at this time.

Miami, Florida - January 28-31

Thursday thru Sunday, I held a gospel meeting with the **IGLESIA DE CRISTO - Flagler Grove** in Miami. The church meets at 500 NW 53rd Ave, about ten minutes from Miami's International Airport. Good attendance and good courage were evident during the gospel meeting. Following are the titles of the lessons I preached:

- Christ Came To Save Sinners
- A Local Church Worthy Of Boasting
- A Local Church Of Doers
- "And They Shall Bear Their Iniquity" (Ezek 14:10)
- "And Send For Simon" (Acts 10:5)

Since the church does not have a local preacher, *Iván Palomino*, *Vicente Becerra* and several others share preaching duties. You should know that there are only two Spanish-speaking local churches in the whole state of Florida.

February, March, April - Preaching Schedule

- February 5th - 7th: *Ipís*, **Costa Rica** (My first meeting with this local church that severed their ties with the institutional movement in Costa Rica. *Marvin Soto* from Alajuela will be my partner in this effort.)
- February 21st - March 4th: **Chile, Argentina & Uruguay**.
- April: *Havana*, **Cuba**; *Mathis*, **Texas**

In Conclusion

We are very appreciative of your continued concern for us. Please accept our sincere thanks for your prayers and financial support. God will surely repay you for your spiritual generous deeds!

For those of you interested in numbers, on January 27th, I reached my 70th birthday. That's 69 plus 1.

In Christ,
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