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N. Beach CHURCH OF CHRIST

Fort Worth, Texas

To the elders and saints at N. Beach:

Esteemed brethren,

March was a very good month! I stayed close to my phone and email knowing that we were very close to finalizing the adoption process.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, May 22nd and 23rd, Minnie and I were summoned by the Harris County judge to finalize our adoption process of our three grandchildren. On Wednesday morning, it took about 30 minutes for the presiding judge to hear our final pleas and approve our petition. *Caleb*, *Ciara* and *Catia* were with us - along with our attorneys. In two or three weeks we will receive the certified copies of the adoption. We are relieved and happy! We are grateful to all of you who encouraged us in this effort. God heard our prayers and supplications. However, we continue to beg for your prayers on our behalf and on behalf of our three children.

The picture to the right is one we took with the presiding judge in his courtroom the day of the final hearing, March 23, 2016.

The children:
Caleb (will be 10 yrs. old on April 5th);
Catia and *Ciara* (twins; will be 8 yrs. old on May 22nd).



Havana, Cuba ≈ April

In about a week I will be returning to **Havana, Cuba**. The work there is difficult and trying. I am more than sure that most of you have noticed the surprising changes that are taking place between our country and Cuba. Based on what I know from my work in Cuba, the unpredictable political and civil climate will remain erratic for a long time. However, my prayer is that ultimate peace will be the outcome, allowing God's Word to have a free and open door in all of Cuba. Consider: *1 Timothy 2:1-6*.

Mathis, Texas ≈ April (English)

René García is the local preacher with the local church in **Mathis**. This is one of several churches in South Texas that is full of family history since my dad preached here for several years back in the 60's. Looking forward to my meeting with this good church and working with a very good group of brethren who are very dear to us. Mathis is about a half hour drive from **Sinton**, our hometown.

Peru, South America ≈ May

Emilio Acevedo (Limache, Chile) and I will be returning to **Lima, Sullana** and several other cities in May. *Carlos Pérez* and Emilio have the itinerary for this trip nearly finalized. I am glad that Emilio's health has improved and able to return full speed.

Costa Rica ≈ June & November

I will be making two different trips to **Costa Rica** later this year. In June I will be visiting with the brethren in **Alajuela**. Minnie and the children will be joining me, if possible. In November I will be with the church in **Ipís**. My gospel meeting (originally scheduled for February, but was postponed) with the church in **Ipís** is now scheduled for the last week in November. *David Lanius* will be joining me in November.

Bible Classes in Spanish at Fry Road

Due to recent conversions at **Fry Road** of people mostly versed in the Spanish language, we are now having an adult Bible class in Spanish on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. I am teaching a class on first principles with the help of *Omar Spencer*, one of our members.

Indeed, March was a very good month! God made it possible and you were His helpers. Thanks so much for your prayers and sincere concern that you demonstrate towards us. God will surely repay each of you for your kindness and generosity.

In Him,
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