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Beloved brethren,

I pray that as you receive this report, you and yours will be found in the best of health. We at this time are rejoicing in His blessings.

The month of April was a good month for us as a congregation even as we lost a family again this month. We continue to preach as best we can and to invite as many as we may encounter. We are still at peace.

This month we lost some of the congregation. We lost a sister to cancer as she passed from this world to eternity. Sister Elvira finally gave up the spirit after a long battle with cancer. My wife had been going every day to check on her and we were blessed to be with her the day she died. The blessing that has come of her death is great as we have had an opportunity to preach to her family and even set up a couple of bible studies with them. Please pray for her family that Gods hand will allow us the opportunity to lead them to Christ.

We also lost a young couple as they moved membership to another congregation. Do to their job and the distance from their jobs to home then to the worship building it was too much for them. Abelardo 3 and his wife is the son and daughter-in-law of my brother Abel. We are sad to see them go but understand the sacrifice they were making to come worship here. He will be missed as he was very useful to the congregation here.

Aside from this our attendance has not fallen very much as we continue to work as hard as we can to bring others to Christ. This month on the 5th Sunday we had two different men come and preach for us. We use this time to invite others and to door knock to give out pamphlets. This month we had brother Jeff Dixon from the Campbell Rd church of Christ preached for us that morning and brother Arthur Anderson the 3rd preached in the evening. These brothers both did good jobs for us and we were all edified. We invite Arthur every time a 5th Sunday comes around because he is a great influence on our young men.

Our women continue to have their biweekly get together and bible study. This has been very encouraging to the women who attend. There are some who should attend due to the influence they would have and don't and some who we didn't expect to attend and do. Either way it seems to be good for those that are attending.

On a personal level, I have been dealing with pain in my shoulder and arm for a few months. Due to my other issues I have put it on the back burner but the pain has increased and after some treatments I will now be sent to a specialist who will do some testing as the part of the pain is near and around where I had the tumor taken out last year. Please remember me in your prayers.

Brethren, thank you so much for all that you do for us. May our Lord prosper you with His wisdom and His word and may you always have the necessities of life.

In His Name,

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