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## To the elders and saints at Beach Street:

Esteemed brethren,

It is with deep appreciation that I write and email this monthly newsletter to you at *Beach Street*. Trusting in the Lord that you and your loved ones are well. Praying always for your faithfulness and progress in the Lord.

## $\approx$ PERSONAL HEALTH $\approx$

After several medical exams, treatments, and medications I am glad to inform you that I am doing much better. I have yet to receive the final report on my nuclear stress test. However, my cardiologist assigned me a heart monitor, which I am wearing and will wear for a whole month. I will soon know the results of my stress test and of the monitor by the beginning of April. Thanks so much to all of you who have inquired about my health and have remembered me in your private and public prayers.

#### $\approx$ CUBA $\approx$

Although in a limited physical condition, I made my way to *Havana*, **Cuba**, the second week in February. This was an uneventful trip and work; much like my prior trips. The overall condition in Cuba continues to worsen; just when most of us thought things couldn't get any worst. However, it is impressive to see the majority of the people taking all of this so calmly. Maybe there is a lesson here for us in the United States.

Two individuals contributed funds to assist the brethren in need. These funds were a welcome relief to the elderly and young families with children with medical issues. They were deeply moved and thankful for the help and prayers. The brethren remain mindful of the great sacrifice and cost of my travel and work among them. They are thankful to all of you at *Beach Street* who made my trip possible and want each one of you to know it.

Their spiritual needs, as they emphasize every time I visit with them, are continually in their minds. They want to be edified and encouraged in spiritual matters. All of my lessons, public and private, came from First Peter. Peter points to the need of submission to God and His word, in whatever position or condition a Christian may be under now that he is a new creature in Christ. These lessons were well received. They have requested our prayers and that I return during the summer. I will inform you of my plans in the coming months.

## $\approx$ COSTA RICA $\approx$

Just as I informed you in my last report, *David Lanius* and I will return to **Costa Rica** in March. Plans are to make the trip to visit and work with the churches in *Liberia* and *Alajuela*. You will recall that we had to postpone our trip to Liberia due to the damages caused by Hurricane Otto back in October. Our program is set for this trip and work.

#### ≈ PERU ≈

The first two weeks in May I will be back working with several churches in **Peru**. With the help of brethren *Carlos Pérez* (*Lima*), *Emilio Lerzundi* (*Lima*) and *David Guerrero* (*Paita*), I will have a complete schedule of my work among these and other congregations. *Emilio Acevedo* will be in Peru also working with me and these churches. I just learned that brother *Ramón Vera* (*Buenos Aires*, Argentina) will be in Peru on the same dates. Look forward to working with all of these brethren.

#### $\approx$ FINALLY $\approx$

I deeply appreciate the many prayers you pray on our behalf and on behalf of the brethren with whom I labor. Thanks for your generous support. Thanks also for your funds that count towards my travel expenses as I journey to work in difficult places, such as Cuba. As you already know, the local churches with which I work in Latin America are not able to assist me or recompense me for my work among them. Your prayers and gifts facilitate my trips and serve to encourage me and them.

Sincerely, Ruben C. Amador