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Beach Street CHURCH OF CHRIST

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To the elders and saints at Beach Street:

Esteemed brethren,

Thanks so much for your continued confidence in me and the work I am doing in preaching Christ among Spanish-speaking churches of Christ. Your fellowship makes my work a lot easier, plus knowing that you remember me in your prayers.

≈ PERSONAL HEALTH ≈

Tuesday, April 4th, I received the final reports on all of the tests performed and ordered by my cardiologist. The results are excellent! My cardiologist said: *"Whatever you are doing that contributes to these excellent results, keep doing."* I have two other medical appointments this week, but this one today is the one we have waited a month to receive. Thanks to each one of you for your prayers and concern.

≈ COSTA RICA ≈

David Lanius and I returned to **Costa Rica** on March 22nd, as I informed you of these plans in my last newsletter. We arrived in **Alajuela** and worshiped with the saints in Alajuela on Thursday night. Friday morning, *David, Santiago Soto, Marvin Soto* and I drove some three hours up to **Liberia** where we were scheduled to visit and preach with the new congregation meeting in the home of the Castañeda family. We stayed in Liberia till Sunday and drove back to **Alajuela** on Monday morning. David and I worshiped with the church in Alajuela on Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Due to the issues surrounding our work in Liberia, we were not able to travel to **Upala** to be with the saints there. Hopefully, I can return later and fulfill my promise to the saints in Upala. *Santiago and Marisela Soto* (Alajuela) visited with the church in Upala this past weekend and brought back a good report. They learned later that part of the road from Liberia to Upala is under repairs after the damage hurricane Otto caused last year.

The small church in **Liberia** is going through growing pains. Over ten people were baptized since its beginning, but few have remained faithful. Attendance during our visit was in the low 20's. Good interest on the part of the members and visitors. My lessons pointed to the need of having the right attitude towards God and His word (John 6) and submission to God even in times of trials and persecution (1 Peter).

As to my work with the church in **Alajuela**, all of the midweek assemblies were given to Bible studies. I spoke on "Rightly Dividing The Scriptures" giving several study suggestions that will improve our knowledge of the Holy Scriptures. Two other studies were on "The One Talented Man" (Matt 25) and on "Natural Affection."

David Lanius has been my companion on most of my trips to Costa Rica in the last 18 years. Our working together and with the different congregations in Costa Rica has benefitted the brethren individually and collectively. It was good to have him at my side again.

≈ 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 (Paíta)*, 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. Due to recent heavy rains and flooding in the northern part of Peru, we pray that this will not hinder our travel plans. Look forward to working with all of these brethren.

≈ FINALLY ≈

I am grateful to you for your faithfulness in supplying my needs. Additionally, your understanding, concern, prayers are a big factor in our fellowship. God will surely continue to bless you in all the good works you do individually and collectively. Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

In Him,
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