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Beach Street CHURCH OF CHRIST

Fort Worth, TX

To the elders and saints at Beach Street:

Dear brethren,

I was back on the road in the month of May, traveling and working in **Lima, Peru, South America.** Thanks so much for the fellowship we have, enabling my work among a fine group of churches and preachers. However, I left with a minor sinus infection on Sunday night, April 30th. Five days later it started growing into a full blown upper respiratory contagious infection. On Sunday, May 7th, it halted my work among the brethren and grounded me for the remainder of my trip. *Fausto León* and *Emilio Lerzundi* took up the work filling-in for me. Both men were of much help to me on a daily basis. I warned them to stay away because of my contagious infection. As I suspected, one of them, brother Fausto, caught it two days later!

≈ LIMA, PERU ≈

My work took off as planned by *Fausto León* and *Emilio Lerzundi*. I preached with the following churches: **Surquillo, La Perla** and **San Juan.** These are small in number, but strategically located in the large capital city of Lima. All of my lessons, except for one of them, were given to encourage and edify the saints.

On Wednesday afternoon, May 3rd, I was asked to teach a first principle lesson to the employees of brother *Jorge Figueroa* whose small architectural company is located in the sector **La Perla.** We met in one of the offices which had a projector that exhibited the lesson on one of the office walls. My lesson was based on Peter's sermon to Cornelius, his relatives and invited guests. It was to be a short lesson, but due to the subject matter and the many questions that followed, our Bible class lasted over two hours. I was invited back for another Bible class but due to my health issues I did not return. It was very thoughtful of brother Figueroa to have the Bible class for his employees and for the employees to listen attentively to the lesson.

As I informed you in my last report, due to the terrible and damaging rains and floods that occurred in the northern sector of Peru, I was advised to postponed my trip to that area. In a later date I plan to return and visit among these churches.

I commend brethren *León* and *Lerzundi* for their assistance in planning the work among these good brethren. Please keep them, their families, and their work in your prayers.

≈ OUR CHILDREN & VBS ≈

Thursday, May 25th, was our children's last day of public schooling for this school year. *Caleb* (11 yrs. old) was promoted to the 6th grade and will be in middle school next school year. *Ciara* and *Catia* (9 yrs. old) were promoted to the 4th grade and will remain at their elementary school. Minnie and I are very proud of them and their dedication not only to secular education, but to spiritual matters. We are looking forward to spending more time with them during these three summer months. Caleb will be attending Dry Creek Camp the first week in June for the first time. Caleb and James (one of our grandsons) are looking forward to it. The girls, Ciara and Catia, didn't make the final cut.

June 26th - 29th I will be busy with VBS at *Fry Road*. "*Jonah and the Big Fish*" is the theme for our VBS. I will be teaching the 4th and 5th grade class. This is a Bible study that I put together some years ago.

≈ SANTO DOMINGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ≈

Plans are to return to *Santo Domingo* the last week in July to work with several congregations in and outside the capital city. Brother *Arcadio Mañon* will be putting together a preaching schedule for my work among the churches. Arcadio is a great man and helper. Look forward to working with him in July and with the local churches in that area. The Lord's work in the **Dominican Republic** remains a challenging work due to the powerful influence of Pentecostalism and liberalism among the majority of the local churches. Those brethren struggling and remaining faithful are few in number. Teaching Bible truths is essential to correcting these erroneous beliefs and practices, as you well know.

≈ FINALLY ≈

Please don't give-up on me! At 71 years old my health issues are just *hurdles in my life*. They just show-up to keep me active, running and jumping (gulp). Thanks so much for your encouragement, concern, and fellowship. May God bless each one of you richly.

In Him,
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