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Beach Street CHURCH OF CHRIST

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To the elders and saints at Beach Street:

Brethren,

We remain very grateful to God for making it possible for you and me to work together in the salvation of souls. Each one of you has a direct or indirect part in this work, thanks so much for the partnership we enjoy and for the prayers you faithfully offer up to God on our behalf.

≈ SPAIN ≈

Our scheduled trip to work with the local churches in **Sevilla**, **Dos Hermanas**, and **Badalona**, Spain the second and third week in October is now history. *Roland* (our son) and I made the trip successfully and safely. Both departing and returning flights did not go as planned. Mechanical issues at Bush Airport in Houston forced us to reroute on another flight through Frankfurt, Germany, with our luggage arriving in Madrid a day later. After returning from Madrid, flight crew shortage at Newark airport delayed our return home from Newark by nearly eight hours. However, we are home and grateful for the Lord's care and your prayers.

The three congregations had made plans for Roland and me to preach most of the time at each assembly. When we both preached at the same assembly, the assembly lasted about two hours. At all three congregations, we were asked to preach lessons that would serve to encourage faithfulness on the part of all Christians. We gladly complied with their requests. All three churches send their thanks to all who have a part in my work.

- The church in **Sevilla** is by far the smallest in number of the three congregations, but rich and great in their faith. They have their own meeting place, their assemblies are orderly and the members are faithful in their attendance. *Jorge Sánchez* does most of the preaching and is greatly supported by his wife and family. Sunday attendance was in the 20's.
- The church in **Dos Hermanas** is the oldest of the three congregations. Four of the men take a very active part in the teaching program of the local church. *Miguel López* and *Juan García* do much of the preaching, although depending on their secular jobs for the support of their families. Attendance here was in the 30's.
- The church in **Badalona**, a suburb of **Barcelona**, is the largest of the three churches. *Juan Antonio Gimenez* and *José Pinto* do much of the preaching. These are good men with good families; highly respected by the local church. Attendance was in the 40's.

Following are some of the lessons I preached: "*As Your Soul Prospers*," "*The Lord's Prayer*," "*Natural Affection*," "*Our Citizenship Is In Heaven*" and "*Treasuring Up For Yourself Wrath*."

You should know that at this time there is no fulltime gospel preacher working among the brethren in Spain. Two of the men, *Juan García* (Dos Hermanas) and *José Pinto* (Badalona) are qualified men that I recommend. These men have wives and children that are faithful Christians and are considering devoting their lives to the proclamation of the gospel. They are worthy of your prayers and consideration. Presently they depend on their secular jobs to support their families.

It was our son Roland's first preaching trip to **Spain**, and it will not be his last. The brethren were very satisfied with his Bible lessons. He also had the opportunity to teach a singing lesson at Badalona. They all encouraged him to return next year. It is my prayer that Roland can continue to do more of this kind of work. At my age, I don't really know how much longer the Lord will enable my travels. As father and son, we have worked together locally and in other Latin American countries which have educated him in the Lord's work in Latin America.

≈ COSTA RICA ≈

I will be in **Costa Rica** the last week in November and the first week in December. This trip will be my last trip for the year 2017. My work will be with the church in **Alajuela** (where the international airport is located) and in **Alajuelita**, a suburb of **San José**. As some of you already know, *Santiago Soto* is the local evangelist with the church in Alajuela. The church in Alajuelita does not have a fulltime preacher.

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Monday, November 6th, I will be hospitalized for a day to undergo a laparoscopic hernia procedure. The surgeon expects that I will be up and about after 5 to 7 days, then in good shape to fly to Alajuela, Costa Rica and work among the saints there.

As we approach the end of the year 2017 — and you are planning your evangelistic work for the New Year 2018 — I ask that you continue your fellowship with me. You are a true and faithful partner in this work and your participation enables my work among many brethren, most of them in difficult places and in urgent need of encouragement. Please accept my thanks for your continued concern for me and my family. I pray that God be with each one of you in all the good you do locally at **Beach Street** and in other places.

Sincerely,
Ruben C. Amador