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To the elders and saints at Beach Street:

Dear brethren,

Pray that as you read this newsletter you and all your loved ones are well and safe. The Amador household is well and enjoying this beautiful spring weather.

Roland and I made our long trip to **Buenos Aires, Argentina** as planned. With the Lord's help, and your prayers, we returned safely and found our families well. Our labor of love among the saints at **Moreno** gave us a sense of accomplishment and fulfillment. The local church as a whole expressed their appreciation to all of the good brethren who made our work and trip possible. Please accept their thanks and ours!

Moreno, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Moreno is a suburb of Buenos Aires, about 22 miles west of the capital city, with an estimated population of 150,000. The city was founded in 1860 by families working on the railroads. The city was eventually named Moreno in honor of a famous politician by the name of *Mariano Moreno*. Although in the shadow of Buenos Aires, the city has grown tremendously in the last 20 years.

The local church in Moreno is one of the oldest of the sound congregations in Argentina. Brother *Timoteo Guaymas* and his family started the local church. I recall being one of the first foreign preachers to hold a meeting here back in the 1970's. Timoteo and his wife, Nora, had daughters from their marriage, but no sons. However, one of their daughters, *Patricia*, married a young man, *Ramón Vera*, some 25 years ago. Timoteo and Ramón have worked successfully together with this congregation. Presently, due to brother Guaymas' declining health, Ramón is doing most of the teaching. The present growth is due mainly to the work of Patricia and Ramón with the help of a few of the members.

Our trip and work in Moreno was during the so-called "Holy Week" – a religious holiday in Argentina and in all other Latin American countries. Most of the local brethren were able to attend the nightly sessions. Plus, we were encouraged to see several visitors in the night assemblies. Besides these visitors from the community, several brethren from area congregations attended.

The night assemblies were one and a half hour long. Roland and I preached contextual sermons. My sermons were from First Peter and Roland's from Philippians. Our focus was on every person present in the assemblies, believers and non-believers. From the comments we heard, the lessons were timely and relevant.

The local church in Moreno, like all other local churches in Argentina, does not have elders to supervise it. The church is not exempt from problems. Satan does not sleep; he has worked and continues to work as a roaring lion, succeeding in devouring some of the local members. However, the present local members are focused on their final reward reserved in heaven. When you pray, don't forget to include the good brethren in Moreno.

As a proud father, I am encouraged by witnessing Roland's spiritual growth and maturity. Roland has made several preaching trips in the past to Argentina, Ecuador and Venezuela. This trip was just one more. He is, as he should be, his own man and preacher. Nonetheless, he makes Minnie and I proud. Roland was well received by the brethren and will surely be back to work with them in the coming years.

Lima, Peru (April 19th – April 27th)

Due to a conflict in my schedule – I made a schedule change to my trip to Lima. Look forward to my work with several of the local churches in Lima. Brother *Fausto León* is contacting the churches in Lima about my preaching schedule. Please remember this preaching trip and work when you pray.

Future Preaching Trips

I will have additional information to share with you in my next reports about future preaching trips to Mexico, Costa Rica and Cuba.

With Much Appreciation

Your prayers, words of encouragement and financial support are very much appreciated by me and my family. We ask for your continued fellowship in this never-ending work of preaching the gospel of salvation. We also pray that the work there will continue to move forward, growing as God requires of all of us.

In Him,
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