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Brethren,

I had a good and safe trip to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Following is an abbreviated report on my trip and visit, plus updates on my remaining preaching trips in 2018.

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

After watching the different tropical depressions and hurricanes dancing around in the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico – I decided to make my way to **Santo Domingo** a day later than scheduled. As expected, it was a rainy week in Santo Domingo, but we managed to accomplish most of the work we had planned. *Arcadio Mañon Osuna* and *Agribelto “Nino” Estevez* received me at the airport on Friday night, a very wet Friday from beginning to end.

Working among the saints in the Caribbean country of the **Dominican Republic** always brings some challenge. Nino and I preached with the local church at **El Mamón** at their Sunday morning assembly. The auditorium was packed with several people standing in the back of the auditorium during a heavy rain storm. We had a captured audience! The heavy thunder storms lasted during the Bible class period and worship assembly. The heavy rain falling on the corrugated roof of the church building created a deafening sound that made it difficult for our voices to be heard. God was glorified, and the attendees were encouraged. As most of you know, *Arcadio Mañon Ozuna* labors fulltime with the church in **El Mamón**, located in the city of San Isidro. He is doing a fine work locally and with several other churches where he is invited to preach.

The heavy rains continued the rest of the Lord’s Day and throughout the week, some days less than others. All three of us, Arcadio, Nino and I, drove through flooded streets to meet with the **Trece** church Sunday afternoon. *Daniel Pascual* is the local evangelist. Nino and I spoke at the Bible class period and worship assembly respectively. Here too, we had a full house. Brother Pascual has been an active member and preacher for many years, highly respected for his work and faithfulness.

There are several institutional associated churches in the metropolitan area of Santo Domingo that invite Arcadio to preach among them. One of these is in **San Pedro de Marcoris**, about an hour’s drive from Santo Domingo. We visited with them on Wednesday and stayed for their evening assembly. We met with the two elders and had a limited discussion on the work of the local church. The elders invited me to return and preach with them in my next trip to Santo Domingo.

The rest of the week, due to flooded streets, we were not able to meet with any of the other local churches in Santo Domingo. However, during the day we visited with several brethren with whom we studied different Bible issues.

Agribelto "Nino" Estevez flew from **Barinas, Venezuela** to **Santo Domingo** to work among the brethren. On behalf of several Christians in Venezuela, Nino called me soliciting funds to buy while in Santo Domingo medical supplies and medicines for needy saints. Two churches contributed a total of \$1530 to satisfy this present and urgent need. I hand-delivered the funds to Nino who started purchasing the medicines that he would be taking back with him. Common medicines are very inexpensive in the Dominican Republic. Be aware that this situation is an ongoing emergency in Venezuela. Nino sends his thanks to all who participated in this generous offering. Please remember them in your prayers and thoughts.

Peru - October

In a few days I will be returning to **Peru**. I will be working among the brethren in smaller communities. This trip takes me first to **Paíta** and **Sullana** on the northern part of the country. *David Guerrero* in **Paíta**, as previously reported, is doing an outstanding work in **Paíta, Sullana** and other communities. *Carlos Pérez* of **Puente Piedra**, north of Lima, and *Iván Palomino* of **Miami** will be my companions. *Emilio Acevedo* from Limache, Chile is also scheduled to be in Peru.

We will return to Lima where we are scheduled to preach with several congregations. I have additional plans to meet and study with the preachers and brethren who can meet with me.

Costa Rica - November

My last preaching trip for 2018 is planned right after Thanksgiving week and goes into the first week in December. As I wrote last month, *Santiago Soto* and *Marvin Soto (Alajuela)* are presently working on plans to begin new works in the area of San José, the Capital of Costa Rica.

Marvin Soto is looking for support that will enable him to devote his fulltime to preaching. Marvin is not a novice in this work. He has partial financial support and is seeking additional support. Feel free to contact him directly, he reads and speaks English: marvinsfpm@hotmail.com.

I appreciate your prayers and financial assistance; they are a real blessing and encouragement.

Sincerely,
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