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Beach Street CHURCH OF CHRIST

Esteemed brethren,

We are just three days away from the end of the year 2020 – we remain grateful to God and to you for the blessings that enable my work, preaching the gospel of Christ. We pray that you and your loved ones are well and safe – that the Lord’s blessings may continue to encourage you in all good things in your personal and public lives today and in the New Year 2021.

Costa Rica: My last preaching trip for the year 2020 took me to this beautiful country to work with *Marvin Soto* and his brother *Santiago*. It is always a blessing to work with these two men who love and fear God. As expected, this was not an easy trip and work due to the strict restrictions imposed in Costa Rica. Several of the brethren are having health and secular work issues that limit their participation. We did what we could studying and worshipping together. On Sunday when we met in the home of the Soto’s – a small number of us were able to meet. I preached a lesson on **Psalm 146**.

Marvin is active every day of the week teaching the Word through social media. Besides using his own platform – Marvin is working also with several brethren in Latin America. Please continue to remember these good brethren in your prayers.

Lima, Peru: Present plans call for me to be in Lima from January 15th to the 24th. This will be my first scheduled preaching trip for 2021. As I stated in my last report, my plans are to stay in Lima and work with several gospel preachers there and their respective local churches although there are strict restrictions governing public activities in Peru. Brother *Emilio Lerzundi* is my main contact in Lima, working with the Surco congregation. *Iván Palomino* from Miami, Florida, will be my companion on this preaching trip. We request your prayers as we plan our trip and work in Lima.

Personal: Since the beginning of the pandemic, we have lost several good brethren to COVID-19. Before leaving for Costa Rica, *José Soto* from Seguin, informed me that he had contracted COVID-19 and that he was hospitalized in critical condition. While I was in Costa Rica, my close friend and co-worker, succumbed to the virus. I made it back in time to speak at Joe’s funeral, speaking words of comfort to Yolanda (Joe’s wife for some 52 years) and their children. Joe was a special person, friend, and faithful preacher of the gospel. Our work and travels took us to Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, and Venezuela. Joe will be missed. Please remember the family in your prayers.

Thanks again for your support and prayers. May God bless you richly in all good things.

In Christ,
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