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Beach Street CHURCH OF CHRIST in Ft. Worth, Texas

Esteemed brethren at Beach Street,

I join you – and Christians everywhere – in giving God the honor and glory as "the true and living God." Surely and truly – God has manifested Himself through His undeniable deeds and powerful gospel of His Son, Jesus Christ. This is the gospel I preach. You at Beach Street enable and encourage my preaching work among people of all races (Mark 16:15). Thanks for your fellowship and fervent prayers.

Costa Rica:

April 14-23 – I made my trip to Costa Rica, Central America. *Iván Palomino* (Miami) was my companion; a great help to me and the brethren. Both of us returned home safely and satisfied with our work with the church in Alajuela. (Up till today, I know of only three Latin American countries that are safely open to foreign visitors: Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, and Mexico.) We worked side by side with brethren *Marvin Soto* and *Santiago Soto* – both men work with the local church in Alajuela. Additionally, Marvin works with the local church in Alajuelita (we were not able to meet with the church in Alajuelita due to their issues with the virus).

As expected, the imposed government restrictions – and the powerful daily thunderstorms – limited our movement and work. About half of the local members attend the Lord's Day assemblies. I preached on Hebrews 10:19-25 and Iván taught the Bible class on the Parable of the Good Samaritan. We were all encouraged by our studies and worship. Our visits and studies were well received by the brethren. During the week we had several opportunities to meet for Bible studies. One of our studies was based on Romans 14 and 15 – pointing at the attitudes that can so easily divide us and hinder our work of evangelism and edification. The brethren – "with one mind and one mouth" send you their thanks for supporting our preaching efforts.

Dominican Republic:

My plans are to travel to Santo Domingo the second week in May, going by way of Ft. Lauderdale. (Going and coming I will spend the night and preach with the Flagler Street church in Miami. *Iván Palomino* labors with this congregation.) In Santo Domingo I will be visiting and working with brother *Arcadio Mañon Ozuna*. Arcadio labors with the local church in El Mamón and assists several smaller congregations in and outside of Santo Domingo. Please remember this trip and effort in your prayers.

Pray that this abbreviated newsletter encourages you in your local and foreign work.

Best regards, Ruben C. Amador