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Beach Street CHURCH OF CHRIST Fort Worth, TX

To the elders and saints at Beach Street:

Dear brethren in Christ,

Glad to be reconnecting with you via my July Newsletter, an abbreviated report on the work I did with the Lord's help and yours. Truly grateful that I remain in good physical health to make these difficult trips. I am glad that men like *Iván Palomino* and *Jimmy Cardenas* can be my companions occasionally. They love the Lord.

Mexico City & Xonacatlán -

My trip to *Mexico City* and *Xonacatlán* July 19-24 was successful. *Jimmy Cardenas* (Beeville, Texas) and *Iván Palomino* (Miami, Florida) were my companions. As I stated in my June Newsletter, the church in Mathis, Texas, (where Jimmy is a member) started this year having fellowship with *Daniel Martinez* (Mexico City) and *Severiano Solis* (Xonacatlán). Jimmy was glad to meet the preachers, their families, and the brethren with whom they labored respectively. The brethren at both congregations were glad to receive us and hear God's word.

I spoke at both congregations – and so did Jimmy and Iván. Following are the English titles of my sermons: (1) "The Blessedness of the Justified" (2) "Rejoice, O Young Man" (3) "The Coming of the Lord" (4) "Phoebe – A Servant of the Church".

As I have informed you in prior reports, both local churches are spreading the gospel in the metropolitan area of *Mexico City* and *Toluca*. There are presently six (6) sound congregations – and two more are in the planning stage. The brethren are worthy of our praise for their evangelistic vision and work. They do what they can with what they have! I am very glad to have been a part of this work from its very beginning back in 1968. These are the fruits of our combined work!

With many expressions of appreciation, the brethren at both congregations expressed thanks to all of you for making it possible for us to visit and work with them. Truly the Good Lord will bless you for your prayers, concern, and support.

Havana, Cuba - August

With the Lord's blessings, your prayers, and support – I will be returning to *Havana* in August. As you already know, this is a difficult and sensitive trip to make. More so than any other preaching trip to Latin America and the Caribbean. I will have more to say in my next newsletter. Please remember this trip in your daily prayers.

Costa Rica - September

Plans are to return to *Alajuela* and labor with the saints where *Marvin Soto Flores* and *Santiago Soto Flores* labor in Costa Rica. The Alajuela church is the oldest sound church in Costa Rica – a faithful group of brethren striving to please God. I welcome your prayers.

Minnie's Surgery -

The hospital where Minnie's surgeon works is a new facility in NW Houston. Because it is new, it is not yet certified to accept Medicare patients. Minnie (and many other Medicare patients) is patiently waiting for the certification. We understand. We remain focused knowing that her surgery will eventually take place. Thanks for remembering her in your prayers.

Finally -

Brethren, your prayers and financial support are deeply appreciated. The financial support I receive enables my work as a preacher of the gospel. *There is no greater need in our world than the need to save our souls.* Surely, the Lord will continue to bless you at Beach Street and all the good brethren who love the Lord and who love the souls of mankind.

I respectively thank you and ask for your prayers and continued financial support.

In the love of Christ, Ruben C. Amador

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