## Ruben C. Amador

P. O. Box 2222 - Cypress, Texas 77410-2222 rcamador@gmail.com

February 1, 2017

## N. Beach Street CHURCH OF CHRIST

Fort Worth, Texas

To the elders and saints at N. Beach Street:

Dear brethren,

Some 31 days ago we welcomed the New Year 2017 under our God's guidance, with the same hope motivating our efforts in His Kingdom. Our appreciation growing day by day; it actually never diminishes. God is good; He is awesome in all His attributes. With God's help, we continue to reach out, telling others of God's saving love. All souls matter in the sight of God and in all our individual and combined evangelistic efforts. Thanks to you for your partnership in this beautiful commission of proclaiming the gospel of salvation.

# ≈ SANTO DOMINGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ≈

As I informed you in my last report, my first preaching trip in the New Year 2017 would take me to *Santo Domingo*, *Dominican Republic*. This took place the second week in January. *Agribelto Estevez* (Barinas, Venezuela) and *Emilio Acevedo* (Limache, Chile) were my partners. Emilio and Nino stayed till January 30th, preaching among several of the local churches in the city and surrounding communities. Much good was done on this trip.

Four days after arriving in Santo Domingo, I started having health complications that lasted all the time I was there and continued after returning home on January 20th. After multiple medical tests here in Houston, a minor blockage was found in my neck area. Proper medications were prescribed and *they are working just as expected*. It is good to be back on track! Several other medical tests are planned in coming days, just as a precaution.

As you can conclude, my health issues hindered my work in Santo Domingo. This is one of the issues that I have feared having as I do my work in foreign lands, but it happened. Now, at 71 years old, I am finally having to deal with common health problems of folks my age. Rest assured that my partners, Emilio and Nino, did a splendid job subbing for me and taking care of me on this trip.

Among the churches that I preached with was the congregation in *El Mamón* where *Arcadio Muñon* labors and the congregation in *Los Alcarrizos* where *Luis Matos* preaches. I also taught a Bible Class with the **Kilómetro 13** congregation, one of the oldest sound

churches in Santo Domingo. This congregation does not have a local preacher; several of the men take part in preaching the gospel. I remain very impressed with the work that *Arcadio Muñon* is doing at El Mamón, Guerra and other communities.

The main reason for our trip to the **Dominican Republic** was due to the fact that several churches and preachers that are associated with the institutional movement are opening their doors to us. Opportunities to study privately and publicly abound. There remains an urgent need to return and continue working with these good people. When you pray, please remember these brethren and their many efforts in faithfully serving God and one another.

## ≈ CUBA ≈

The next preaching trip on my calendar is a trip to *Havana*, **Cuba**, the second week in February. I will have more info to share with you upon my return.

#### ≈ COSTA RICA ≈

In the month of March, I had a trip and meeting planned in *Moreno*, *Buenos Aires*, **Argentina**. This has been postponed to later in the year.

*David Lanius* and I will return to **Costa Rica** in March. Plans are to make the trip to visit and work with the churches in *Liberia* and *Alajuela*. You will recall that we had to postponed our trip to Liberia due to the damages caused by Hurricane Otto back in October. We already have a program set for this trip and work.

#### ≈ PERU ≈

The first two weeks in May I will be back working with several churches in **Peru**. With the help of brethren *Carlos Pérez* (*Lima*), *Emilio Lerzundi* (*Lima*) and *David Guerrero* (*Paita*), I will have a complete schedule of my work among these and other congregations. *Emilio Acevedo* will be in Peru also working with me and these churches.

## ≈ FINALLY ≈

Thanks for your continued prayers and financial support. Look forward to our continued fellowship in this New Year 2017. All of you remain in our thoughts and prayers.

In Christ, Ruben C. Amador