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To the elders and saints at Beach Street:

Esteemed brethren,

With your prayers and fellowship you made it possible for me to continue preaching Christ among Spanish-speaking brethren in our country and in Latin America. In this newsletter I give you an abbreviated report on my work among two churches in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic during the month of July and of my coming trip in August to Mexico City and Xonacatlán.

≈ MEXICO CITY & XONACATLAN ≈

The third week in August I will be visiting and preaching with two of the oldest congregations in Mexico. In Mexico City, the church in the sector of Tacuba was started by Zaragoza Algara and his family back in the early 1960's and later he was instrumental in getting the work started in his hometown of Xonacatlán (about 45 minutes west of Mexico City). Since the beginning of these two congregations, I have had a very good working relationship with them. I look forward to my trip and the opportunity to contribute once again to their edification.

≈ SANTO DOMINGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ≈

I had a safe trip to and from **Santo Domingo** the last week in July. Although the hot and humid climate rules in the Caribbean, it was a rainy week with typical street floodings. Had the pleasure of working with two congregations in the capital city: **Calle 13** and **El Mamón**. Brother *Daniel Pascual* labors with the **Calle 13** congregation, one of the oldest sound churches in the **Dominican Republic**. Brother *Arcadio Mañon* works with **El Mamón**, just east of **Santo Domingo**. Arcadio was my constant companion; a great man and helper. Arcadio and his wife have two teenagers who are faithful and active in the congregation. Both are attending the university in Santo Domingo.

Among the churches in the Dominican Republic, the local church in **El Mamón** is a strong and sound church. It numbers in the low 30's and has no elders. They have their own meeting house, but with no air condition system! They just have ceiling fans that blow hot

humid air. The congregation is a good mixture of seniors, middle-aged folks, a good number of young people and children. I see a very good future with this congregation. Among the sermons that I preached, the ones on "Our Public Prayers" (Acts 4:24-30) and "Lay Up For Yourselves Treasures In Heaven" (Matthew 6:19-21) were well received, bringing good comments and questions.

The ***Calle 13*** congregation numbers in the high 20's. However, the youngest of their members is in his late 20's. *Daniel Pascual* is a splendid brother who has faithfully served the church for many years. The brethren have remodeled their small church building; beautiful and roomy. The ceiling fans blew the same hot and humid air. But, we all worshipped God and edified one another in our assemblies. One of my lessons was on "Woe Is Me" based on the scripture and context of 1 Corinthians 9:16-27. I closed the lesson emphasizing Paul's closing comments: "Woe is me" - "lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified."

It is an uplifting experience to work with brethren like these in ***Calle 13*** and ***El Mamón***. Both churches have stood firm in a country with many differing institutional charismatic churches of Christ. Both congregations are an exceptional light in the city of Santo Domingo and throughout the country. They expressed their thanks to you and to all of the brethren who have a part in my work.

≈ **FINALLY** ≈

Although I repeat in my newsletters our appreciation for your prayers and support, it is a sincere appreciation that we have for you at *Beach Street*. You are faithfully upholding my hand in my evangelistic work. Surely our Good and Mighty God will faithfully continue to make all of our efforts possible.

Respectfully,
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