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Esteemed Brethren,

The Good Lord continues to bless us with multiple opportunities to preach Christ locally and in foreign lands. The doors are wide open in **Peru, South America**. A country that some 20 plus years ago had a small number of Christians. Today we have no idea of the exact number of Christians that are faithfully serving God and one another. Saints are willingly spreading the gospel of salvation to the lost in Peru and edifying one another as Christians in local churches. Thanks for your prayers and financial assistance that enabled my work in Peru.

Peru – October

This trip took me first to **Sullana** and **Paita** on the northern part of the country. *David Guerrero* in **Paita** is a big help to the saints in the northern sector of Peru, near the border with Ecuador. David made the necessary preaching arrangements with the two local churches. As I stated in my prior reports, *Carlos Pérez* of **Puente Piedra**, north of Lima, *Iván Palomino* of **Miami** and *Emilio Acevedo* from Limache, Chile and I would be working together.

The nights of October 9th and 10th we met with the local church in Sullana. In attendance were the local saints, plus saints from Paita and Catacaos. The brethren in Sullana have suffered and overcome several internal problems but are determined in their service to God. David Guerrero and several men from Paita make weekly trips to assist them in their assemblies. All four of the preaching brethren preached here also during the two-hour assemblies.

October 11th and 12th we were with the church in Paita, by far the largest of the local churches in Peru. It is always a joy to visit and work with them. David Guerrero is the local evangelist. With the help of several mature men, the church is growing and serving local churches in the area. All four of the preaching brethren preached during the two-hour assemblies.

Worthy of mentioning here is the beautiful attitude of the brethren at both Sullana and Paita attending and supporting the two-hour assemblies. A good number would stay to comment about our lessons and express their satisfaction with our visits and lessons. No one was in a hurry to head home each night.

The two-car load of brethren that would make the one-hour nightly trip from **Catacaos** were at one time members with a group of brethren identified with the institutional movement in Peru. After learning the truth and separating from them, they are determined to follow NT patterns and traditions. They sacrificed their time and monies to attend at Sullana, about an hour by car from

Catacaos. At their request I will be returning to work exclusively with them in January of next year. Due to prior commitments this is the earliest that I can go and work with them. Several of the young men serve the local church in preaching the gospel. They do not have a fulltime preacher.

During the day we, the four preachers, took advantage of our time, studying together and encouraging one another. Working with these good men was a great honor for me and for them.

One of my companions was *Iván Palomino*. He has a part-time secular job in Miami. As a local member with the Flagler Grove Spanish-speaking church, Iván is active in their teaching program. Additionally, the Flagler Grove church is contributing monthly support to *Carlos Pérez* in Puente Piedra and *Emilio Lerzundi* in Lima, Peru. This was one of the reasons Iván made his first preaching trip to Peru. Iván will surely return soon.

On Saturday we returned to Lima where on Sunday, October 14th, we met with the church in **Surquillo**. *Emilio Lerzundi* is the local evangelist. The church has a leasing agreement with the owners of a private school facility allowing them the use of the building for Sunday assemblies. Due to an unforeseen issue we were not able to meet at the designated property. The church met on Sunday morning in the apartment of brother Lerzundi. All of us found a place to sit and worship God together. Iván and I preached at both assemblies.

Two young men, brothers, from Barinas, Venezuela attended with us at Surquillo. *Manuel Jose* (20 yrs. old) and *Jesús Manuel* (19 yrs. old) *Barreto Trejo* had arrived in Lima a few days earlier. I first met these two some 10 years ago when I last preached in Barinas. They are fleeing the socialist government and horrible living conditions in Venezuela. The brethren in Lima were quick to receive and assist them in their time of need.

We devoted three days encouraging one another with Bible studies and visits. It was a great opportunity to be with such good people. Please continue to remember them in your prayers.

Costa Rica – November

As I informed you in my prior reports, my last preaching trip for 2018 is planned right after Thanksgiving week and goes into the first week in December. It will be a ten-day visit and work with the faithful brethren in Alajuela and San José. *Santiago* and *Marvin Soto* in Alajuela will be my companions there.

Thanks for your willingness to make our partnership possible in this never-ending work of evangelism. You are a faithful partner. As you plan your work for next year, I humbly ask for your continued interest, prayers and financial assistance. You are a big help to me and indirectly to the many saints I work with in these preaching trips into Latin America.

In Christ,
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