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#### Esteemed Brethren:

With God's help and yours – my 13-day preaching trip to **Peru** was safe and productive just as we had requested in our prayers to God. *Iván Palomino* from Miami, Florida was my companion throughout the preaching program. After our arrival in Lima Sunday at midnight, October 13<sup>th</sup>, the next day we flew to Piura where we were to spend the week. Following is an abbreviated report on our work in the country of Peru:

### ≈ Sullana Peru

On Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, our preaching program started in the northern part of Peru, in the town of *Sullana* about an hour north of Piura where we were staying. We had a good attendance for our first night assembly in Sullana. Besides the local members, we had brethren from Paita and Santa Cruz in attendance. The preacher, *Carlos Sánchez*, from Iquitos attended all our assemblies in this sector of Peru. My lesson that night was based on 1 Peter 4:1-7 and titled "Arm Yourselves Also With The Same Mind." Brother *Felix Escobar* does most of the teaching and faithfully serves the small group at Sullana. The local members have survived many tribulations and setbacks, but they remain united in their determination and faithfulness. *David Guerrero* from Paita helps out several times a month.

#### ≈ Catacaos Peru

The next day, Wednesday, we moved on to our nearest town from Piura, the town of Catacaos where we have the newest of the congregations in this sector. *Henry Cruz* and *Jesus Dávila* are the two preaching brethren. Both young men and their families are highly respected by the local membership. My lesson was based on Titus 2 and titled "Speak The Things Which Are Proper For Sound Doctrine." We returned to Catacaos on Friday night with all three of us (Iván, Emilio and me) preaching. The Friday night assembly lasted well over three hours.

### ≈ Paita Peru

This city by the coast is where you will find the oldest and largest of the local churches in this area of Peru. *David Guerrero* is the local preacher, fully dedicated to the work of an evangelist. David not only works with the church in Paita, but he also assists the brethren in Sullana, Santa Cruz and Catacaos. He is deeply appreciated by the brethren in this northern sector of Peru. My sermon was based on Revelation 1-3 and titled "Jesus Knows Our Works."

## ≈ Lima \_\_\_\_ Peru

Saturday, October 19th, Iván and I returned to Lima. On the Lord's Day we met with the church in the sector of Surquillo where *Emilio Lerzundi* is the local evangelist. My lesson during the worship hour was based on Mark 10 and titled "Jesus Addressing Issues Facing The Home." The local membership remains faithful and committed to the Lord and their growth. Emilio has overcome several health issues in the last years and was in good physical condition to receive and work with us in Lima. I have known Emilio and his family for nearly 30 years.

In attendance at Surquillo were four families (Christians) that had fled the horrendous issues in their home country of Venezuela. (We understand that there are many faithful brethren that are relocating in Peru, Chile, Colombia, Panama and Ecuador – searching for peace among faithful congregations in these countries.) Strange as it may seem to some, the churches in these countries are growing due to the conversion of people and the great faith of good brethren. Several of us gladly provided assistance in their time of need.

Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, Iván, Emilio Lerzundi and Fausto León attended at Puente Piedra where brother *Carlos Pérez* is the local evangelist. Due to health issues I was not able to go with them. The remaining days in Lima were spent with Emilio Lerzundi. As is my custom and practice in these preaching trips, visiting and studying with the local men who preach is an important part of my trips. It was no different in this trip.

At every place we assembled and prayed – the local brethren thanked God for our participation in their assemblies, for the encouragement we brought to them and for the goodwill of the many Christians who make possible our work among them.

The brethren are mindful that there are Christians who are concerned about the salvation of their souls and send all of you their thanks for sending us to work among them.

# Xonacatlán \_\_\_\_ Mexico in November

My preaching work will take me to Xonacatlán, about an hour west by car from Mexico City. *Severiano Solis* is the local evangelist. The local church has scheduled the gospel meeting from November 5th-10th. I had a part in the beginning of the local church back in the 1970's and have held numerous gospel meetings since then. It has greatly encouraged me to see both the numerical and spiritual growth among the brethren in this congregation. It will be a genuine treat to be with them again.

## Mexico City \_\_\_\_ Mexico in December

My last preaching assignment for this year 2019 will be with the Tacuba church in Mexico City, December 9th-15th. *Daniel Martinez* is the local evangelist.

# Finally \_\_\_

Your prayers, interest and financial support enables the work I do in Latin American countries. The gospel, because of your faith and determination, is preached in the Spanish language in these countries. These people not only hear us preach, but they see and judge us by our behavior among them. We make it our aim not only to preach the gospel of God – but to live the gospel of God among the people we work with in these foreign lands. Thanks for making it happen. Thanks for your confidence in us. Please continue to remember us in your prayers as we travel and work in difficult places.

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