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Beach Street CHURCH OF CHRIST

Dear brethren,

I am writing and sending you this report from the Dominican Republic. Thanks so much for your prayers and fellowship in the gospel.

I am having a good visit with day classes with families that are perplexed with the issues that divide brethren in this country. These families are new Christians and were unaware of these differences until someone brought up the issues of "antis" – issues that raised accusations, questions and concerns. I continue to point at the one simple principle in all of this: Authority!

Costa Rica – January 29th – February 5th

As I had previously reported, I divided my time working with the local church in Alajuela and the local church in Alajuelia. I started the week working with the church in Alajuela. *Santiago Soto* is the local evangelist. Very good attendance in our assemblies, especially the Sunday assembly. My Sunday morning sermon on "Life & Death" (Text: Eccl. 11:9-12:14) was well received. This congregation has a tremendous future with a good number of children, teenagers and young families. The brethren remain focused on finding an adequate meeting place to accommodate their large attendance.

In Alajuelita, *Marvin Soto* (Santiago's younger brother) is the local evangelist. Due to several factors, this congregation is going through growing pains. The church meets in the home of brother José Mojica Zapata on Sundays and in different homes of brethren during the week. My Sunday lesson on "Receiving the Word As God's Word" (Text: 1 Thess. 2:13) reminded the audience of their need to be totally aware that reading and studying God's Word is essential to our salvation.

Both churches send their appreciation to all who make possible my work and visits. I am scheduled to be with them the first week in December 2020. Please remember them in your prayers.

Brownsville, Texas – February 10th – February 14th

I was finally able to squeeze-in a gospel meeting with the Central church in Brownsville. *Vicente Ramírez* (the local preacher) is working less due to his age and health – but the work speaks of his love and labors. Good attendance during the week with local visitors and brethren from the Valley and across the border on the Mexican side.

Following is a list of the sermons I preached in the Spanish language: "Preach the Word" – "Peter's Sermon at the Beginning" – "Called to Holiness" – "Jesus' Prayer" – "I Know Your Works."

The Central church in Brownsville is the largest of the Spanish-speaking churches in the US. There are three other local churches in Brownsville. As you will recall, there is a large number of local churches on both sides of the Rio Grande – and Vicente has had a good influence and a part in the beginning and growth of many of these local churches. Keep these good brethren in your daily prayers.

Moreno, Argentina – March 22nd – April 1st.

The third week in March I will be with the church in Moreno, a suburb of Buenos Aires. *Ramón Vera* is the local evangelist. Ramón has his own secular work with which he supports himself and his family. Ramón is doing a great work with the help of several men in the church. *Timoteo Guaymas*, Ramón's father-in-law, started this congregation a good number of years ago, but has serious health problems. I look forward to working with this good congregation.

When you pray, please remember my family in your prayers and the work I am doing. Your prayers and good intentions towards us contribute to our encouragement. May God continue to bless you in all things.

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