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### **August 2021 Newsletter**

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#### **Beach Street CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Esteemed brethren in the faith,

I thank God for the opportunity to slowly return to fulfilling my preaching obligations. Thanks also to you for your thoughtfulness, prayers, and support that encourage me in my evangelistic work.

#### **Preaching Trips Postponed –**

Due to government Covid restrictions, I was not allowed to enter Costa Rica as planned at the beginning of August. I had just recovered from Covid, but it was too soon to allow me entrance into Costa Rica. I postponed my trip to a later date. The brethren in Costa Rica were disappointed but understood the situation.

After postponing my July preaching trip to Mexico City, I rescheduled my trip for the month of September. First, I will be with the *Colonia Tacuba* church teaching classes on preparing the brethren to serve in the local congregation and one another. I will remain to preach with the new church in *Teoloyucán*. These are tentative plans that could change due to the Covid crisis. Please remember these efforts in your prayers.

#### **Hard Covid Facts –**

You should know that the Covid virus has caused the death of several preachers among the Spanish-speaking brethren. I know of six preachers that have recently succumbed to the virus. Three of these men I had worked with for many years: *José Soto* (Seguin, Texas), *Macario López* (Reynosa, Mexico), and *Vicente Ramírez* (Brownsville, Texas).

*Vicente Ramírez*, at the age of 84, died August 13<sup>th</sup>. Besides several chronic health issues, Vicente contracted Covid twice – but never recovered. I was invited by his family to speak at the two scheduled memorial services held in Brownsville, Texas. He preached for the largest congregation in Brownsville, the Central Street church. Vicente's work took him to multiple places in Latin America and in the US. He is survived by his wife, four children and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Hundreds of brethren heard the gospel because of Vicente's preaching work – responding with their obedience to the gospel. Please remember his family in your prayers.

I treasure our fellowship in the gospel that enables my preaching work among the Spanish-speaking brotherhood. You are in my prayers.

In Christ,  
Ruben C. Amador