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## Beach Street CHURCH OF CHRIST Ft. Worth, TX

To the elders and saints at Beach Street:

Brethren,

With the Lord's help and yours – we are midway through the year 2023 serving God and one another. We are indeed blessed in so many ways and manners. Thanks for your fellowship that enabled the good work that was accomplished in **Peru** and for the prayers you prayed on my behalf. The following is a brief report on the work that I did.

### Peru, South America (June 19<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>)

My visit and work in Peru were a success. Focusing on the northern section of **Peru** and in the metropolitan area of **Lima**. Due to the recent heavy rains in and around Piura, dengue fever has been and remains an active threat. Most of the families are still suffering from the fever. However, it did not keep some of the members from attending their assemblies. Our daily personal Bible studies with the men who preach and with several others were a major part of my work in Peru.

In **Paita**, the local preacher, *David Guerrero*, continues to work diligently with the local church. I preached my sermon using the text of Deuteronomy 6: "Fear the Lord Your God". As you can appreciate from the photo, the church has a good number of families – with many children and teenagers. The church has its own church building with plenty of space for classrooms. This is a growing congregation. However, the church has no men serving as elders.



In **Sullana**, *David Guerrero* (Paita), *Jesús Dávila* (Catacaos), and *Henry Cruz Esteves* (Catacaos) take turns traveling to assist the small local church. Their local preacher, *Félix Escobar*, passed away back in April. The local members (mostly women) need encouragement. My lesson, "Stand Fast and Hold the Traditions", was based on the text of 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17.

In **Catacaos**, the church is served by two preachers: *Henry Cruz Esteves* and *Jesús Dávila*. Both are young men with young families. Both depend on their secular jobs to support their families and work with the local church. They are also very active in preaching with other local churches in the

northern part of Peru. The members continue serving God and one another. Due to dengue fever, several families were unable to attend the assemblies as you can conclude from the photo. Presently,



this is the fastest growing church in Peru. My lesson, “The Second Commandment”, was based on the text of Matthew 22:34-40.

In **Surquillo** (Lima), the oldest of the sound congregations in Peru, *Emilio Lerzundi* and *Fausto León* are faithfully serving the membership. These are sound men in the faith – sharing their studies with the local church in Surquillo, in Lima and in other smaller congregations throughout Peru. The local membership is presently made up of Peruvians and Venezuelans. On Sunday morning I preached my lesson on “Fear the Lord Your God”. Parents, teenagers, and young children were very attentive to the lesson as I pointed at how back then parents were called upon to teach God’s word to their children. How God held parents accountable. I want you to know that just one week before, thieves entered the building and stole all the chairs. The church was able to locate and rent temporary chairs in time for the Sunday assemblies.



While in Peru, I was limited in my work due to a recurring dental issue. I inherited this problem from my father. However, I was able to keep my scheduled studies with some of the local preachers. One of the issues we studied is presently circulating among several countries – that the teachings of Jesus, recorded in the four Gospels, are not relevant. That the Lord’s teachings were under the Old Testament and therefore do not pertain to the New Testament. As planned, we studied Jesus’ teachings on marriage, divorce, and remarriage. We also discussed the organization and work of the local church and revisited the need of elders in every church.

It was back in 1996 that the late *Bill H. Reeves* and I started working with a small number of brethren that had separated from one of the institutional churches in Lima. For some 27 years several other gospel preachers have contributed to the growing work in Peru. Civil, social, and religious persecution continue to hinder the growth of these churches. Regardless, the Lord’s work continues growing slowly in Peru. The brethren continuously express their thanks to all the brethren who are praying for their faithfulness and who are encouraging their faithfulness with our visits and work.

## Finally

I will be returning to **Mexico City** and **Xonacatlán** July 19-24. *Jimmy Cardenas* (Beeville, Texas) and *Iván Palomino* (Miami, Florida) will be with me. The church in Mathis, Texas, (where Jimmy is a member) started having fellowship with *Daniel Martinez* (Mexico City) and *Severiano Solis* (Xonacatlán). It is encouraging to see other brethren becoming involved in foreign evangelism. I do not know how long I will be able to serve the churches in Latin America – therefore, it is important to get others involved in this great work of saving souls. I am persuaded that you know of my devotion and love to this work.

Due to your continued dedication and sacrifices, and that of many others, the gospel is going into Peru and many Latin American countries. The financial support I receive is greatly appreciated by me. It is also appreciated indirectly by the many brethren who are continuously uplifted by hearing the gospel of Jesus preached in their own language, i.e., *la lengua de Cervantes*, the Spanish language. All to the honor and glory of our God and Savior.

When you pray, please include the saints in **Peru** and **Mexico**. I will appreciate you including us in your prayers. We need them.

In the love of Christ,  
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