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Beach Street CHURCH OF CHRIST Ft. Worth, TX

To all the saints at *Beach Street*, with the elders and deacons:

Dear brethren,

March was a very busy month: 1) My gospel meeting in Mission, Texas; 2) Our girls, Ciara and Catia, had their spring break in Corpus Christi and we met with the church in Mathis, Texas; 3) My gospel meeting in Moreno, Argentina. *Thanks for your help in making March a good busy month.*

Mission, Texas - March 4th-8th.

Monday, March 4th, I flew down to McAllen, Texas, to preach a gospel meeting with the Spanish-speaking congregation in *Mission*, just west of McAllen. Brother *Joaquín Blengio* is the local evangelist. This local work has existed for over 28 years. Joaquín, with the valuable help of his wife, Socorro, has been a real blessing to the local work since its beginning. Joaquín is highly respected by many of us for his work's sake. The meeting was well attended and supported by the local congregation. Also, brethren from area congregations attended the meeting, encouraging the local congregation.



It was a joy to be back working with Joaquín and the local church, preaching Christ, and enjoying their fellowship. I was about 12 years old when I met Joaquín and Socorro in Sinton, Texas. Joaquín was living and working with the Spanish-speaking congregation in Mathis, Texas. In the past we have worked together many times. During my long years of preaching, I recall preaching at nearly every congregation in the Rio Grande Valley area. Also, preaching across the border on the Mexican side. This is where the Spanish-speaking work started with the tremendous help of such men as *Bill H. Reeves, Glenn Rogers, Don Atherton, Wayne Partain, Rosendo Cantú*, and *Arturo Rodríguez*. From this short list – brother *Wayne Partain* is the lone survivor, living and working in Odessa, Texas. He just turned 98 years old! From the Rio Grande Valley to Latin American countries, the gospel resonates loud and clear. What beautiful efforts and fantastic results! God is glorified!

Following is a list of the sermons I preached in Spanish: 1) Called to Sanctification; 2) Recalling Timothy's Faith; 3) Participants or Spectators? 4) The Church That Learned from God to Love One Another; 5) "I Know Your Works".

Spring Break Week - March 11th-15th.

As a family, we used Spring Break Week visiting with our folks in our hometown of Sinton, Texas. On Wednesday afternoon we drove to Mathis, Texas, where we met with the saints. I was invited to preach during their Bible class hour. It was a real blessing to be with the church once again. *René García* is the local evangelist. Beautiful memories abound among the saints at Mathis.

Moreno, Argentina - March 20th - 26th.

Four days later, March 19th, I flew to *Buenos Aires*, Argentina, to visit and work with the local church in *Moreno*, a municipality of Buenos Aires. Brother *Ramón Vera* is the local preacher. This is one of five congregations in Argentina. It is a new congregation in comparison to the other local churches in Argentina.

Attendance was excellent, with nearly all the members present at each assembly. Several



visitors attended during the gospel meeting. I preached the same sermons that I preached at the meeting with the church in Mission, Texas. After each assembly, we had a 15-minute session for questions related to the sermon that was preached. This arrangement was well received.

Ramón Vera, the preacher, has his own secular business to support his family. However, Ramón for some years has been active in civil government. He was elected last December as a "diputado" or representative. He is a member of the Argentine congress. Since the day he decided to run for the federal office, Ramón has made it clear that he is a Christian, unwilling to compromise his faith. He is having private meetings with several other members of Congress, and even with the new president, about godly issues that will better serve the country. Not an easy task. Please remember Ramón in your prayers, that he may be a positive influence in his civil capacity. Also, remember his spiritual work and that of the other brethren in Moreno.

Alajuela, Costa Rica - April 17th-26th.

As you know, plans are in place for my return to work with the church in *Alajuela*, **Costa Rica**. Please remember in your prayers the church and our combined efforts. Look forward to working with *Marvin Soto* and *Santiago Soto*, two capable gospel preachers, and with the local membership.

In Conclusion.

Our whole family is intensely grateful that Minnie is doing well. She finished her physical therapy two weeks ago. Her next doctor's visit will update us as to what else is needed to assist her complete recovery. Our combined prayers to our God are a great help to Minnie and to all of us.

I deeply appreciate your financial support and travel funds. Thanks for your prayers and encouragement. You are a faithful partner. I beg for your prayers on our behalf.

In the love of Christ, Ruben C. Amador