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N Beach Street CHURCH OF CHRIST Ft. Worth, TX

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

Dear brethren,

God's power of creation continues to manifest itself in our present world. God's power of salvation – the gospel of Jesus Christ – continues to ring far and near in multiple languages. Opportunities abound – open doors are everywhere – allowing us to preach the gospel to create a new man. Thanks for helping us with this work of creating a new man through the preaching of the gospel.

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



I made my way down to assist the church in **Alajuela, Costa Rica**, in their local work. The church is led by four elders (*Santiago Soto, Gerardo Cambronero, Danilo Lacayo, and Eddy Soto*). Both *Santiago* and *Marvin Soto* (brothers in the flesh) are serving the local church as preachers. The church is blessed with several other capable men – young and old – that are assisting the local work. Back in January, I received a letter from the elders at Alajuela, acknowledging my work among them for so many years. The elders also said that I have an open door at Alajuela. I deeply appreciate their kind words of encouragement and appreciation.

The local church continues to grow in number and in spiritual growth. The members meet in the living room and patio sections of *Santiago* and *Marisela's* home since the pandemic. At the beginning of the pandemic, they already had a good number of members. It is excellent to see their growth.

My work consisted of public preaching in the assemblies of the church and of private or personal teaching. The elders and the members expressed appreciation for two of my sermons: "Paul's Powerful Message to the Elders at Ephesus" (Acts 20) and "The Church with Little Strength" (Revelation 3:7-13). These are the English titles of the sermons preached in the Spanish language. Please continue to remember the whole church in your private and public prayers.



May Ecuador Preaching Trip Postponed.

Due to major civil unrest in Ecuador, South America, I was advised by brother *Miguel Quinatoa* (Ambato, Ecuador) to postpone my preaching trip. Many moons ago, brother *Wayne Partain* and I made our first trip to Ecuador. Miguel Quinatoa and the church in Ambato received us and invited us back. I made numerous preaching trips to Ambato, Riobamba, Quito, and several other cities. I trust in the Lord that soon I can return and work with the old and new Christians in some of these places. I am very content with the work we did that served to establish new congregations in many other cities and communities.

Back to Costa Rica in May.

Since my trip to Ecuador was postponed, I will be returning May 13th to Alajuela. At the request of the elders, I will be teaching my series of lessons on preparing the men to serve in the local church.

These are the same lessons I have taught in Lima, Peru, Mexico City, Xonacatlán, and Guadalajara in Mexico. I called the lessons, "PREPARÁNDONOS PARA SERVIR" (English: "Preparing Ourselves to Serve"). The first three lessons deal with the workings of the local church, mainly order and decency in our worship. Teaching on how to prepare sermons and studies. The last two lessons deal with teaching the books of the New Testament according to each book's context. I use Paul's epistle to the Philippians as an example of how best to teach the epistle. These are lessons that benefit not only the men, but the whole local church. Pictured, from left to right, are Santiago Soto, Marvin Soto, me, and Gerardo Cambronero.



Peru, South America in June (Monday, June 17th – Thursday, June 28th).

Lord willing, in June I will be working with the saints in Lima, Catacaos, and Paita, Peru. It will be a two-week trip to Peru. I look forward to working with these churches. Deeply appreciate your help and prayers as I travel to and from Lima, Peru. *Iván Palomino* (Miami, Florida) will be my companion only for the first week of my trip.

Finally.

As a family, we are well and deeply grateful to our Lord for His help. Thanks also to you for your prayers and financial assistance. Since October 1965 I have served the Lord in preaching the gospel of Jesus among Spanish-speaking brethren in Latin America and in our own country. My resolve is just as strong as it was at the beginning of my work.

I – and my family – request your fervent prayers and continued support.

In the love of Christ,
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