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N. Beach CHURCH OF CHRIST

Fort Worth, TX.

To the elders and saints at N. Beach:

Esteemed brethren,

Strange as it may be, we are back in the midst of rains and floods! Just a month ago I wrote about the heavy rains and flooding in northwest Houston. This time it was not as bad in our area of Cypress. We are well and fine.

Peru, South America ≈ May 10-19 (Spanish)

As I reported in my last newsletter, *Emilio Acevedo* (Limache, Chile) and I made our way to **Peru**. Emilio arrived about a week earlier, working with *Carlos Pérez* and the church in **Puente Piedra**. I arrived the night of May 10th, late in the evening, and returned home on May 19th.

Puente Piedra is a community north of Lima. Carlos and his wife, Eliana, are doing a very good work here. We met with the church the first night and the last night I was in Lima. During my first visit I was informed of Eliana's health condition. She was found with progressive stomach and pelvic cancer. As soon as additional tests bring back needed information, medical specialists will determine what action will be required. Please remember her and the family in your prayers.

Thursday, May 12th, we flew from **Lima** to **Piura**, a city in northern Peru where Emilio and I stayed for four (4) days. It is about a two hour flight from Lima to Piura. From Piura we moved by car to **Paita**, a coastal city, about an hour away. Here we worshipped two nights with the only sound local church in Paita. This is the largest of the sound local churches in all of Peru. The church has many children and teenagers to build on for the future. *David Guerrero* is the local preacher. One of the lessons I preached here was based on 1 Peter 5:1-4. The church does not have elders, but is working diligently on having elders. David and his family are doing a very good work in Paita.

Sullana is a small city some 45 minutes by car from Piura. This is a new congregation. Emilio Acevedo started the congregation here exactly five (5) years ago. *Alex Luna*, the first convert, is the local evangelist; he is doing an excellent work. Alex receives partial support besides having his own electronic business in Sullana. The church meets in the living room of Alex's house; they are a group of people that converted from a Pentecostal church.

Three (3) baptisms took place in **Sullana** on Saturday, May 14th. *Wilmer Becerra* (50 years old), *Ammy Atoche* (12 years old) and *Betsy Luna* (13 years old) were baptized in the Chira River that runs just outside of Sullana. Betsy is one of the daughters of Alex Luna. We were very happy to witness these baptisms.

At the request of the men in Sullana, I preached a lesson on "The Lord's Supper" based on 1 Corinthians 11:20-34. It was a lesson well received and one that was very helpful to the new Christians, the three that had been baptized the day before.

Costa Rica, Central America ≈ (June 7th-16th)

I will be in **Alajuela, Costa Rica** in June. Although we are still waiting for the final adoption certificates to arrive, hopefully Minnie and the grand children will be joining me on this trip. Looking forward to seeing the brethren there.

Brownsville, Texas ≈ (July 25th-29th)

At the invitation of the Central church in **Brownsville**, I will be holding them the gospel meeting that was postponed due to *Vicente Ramírez's* illness earlier in the year. At the request of the men, I will be preaching three sermons on the eldership.

Appreciation

Our good and faithful Lord has blessed you richly, making possible your local and foreign work. I thank God for this, and thank you for including me in your foreign work. You are a faithful partner in my work!

Yours in Christ,
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