

November 2021 Newsletter

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Beach Street CHURCH OF CHRIST – FT. Worth, TX

Esteemed brethren at Beach Street,

Pray that as you read this November newsletter – you and all your loved ones are well and safe. We are doing fine and happy with the Lord's many blessings.

The Lord has enabled me to travel and work in places where several issues make it difficult to travel and work. Among the issues are the COVID-19 virus and the strict restrictions that each country has enacted and required for the safety of all national citizens and foreign visitors. Many local churches in Latin America are barely surviving, but the brethren understand that suffering is part of human life, they remain focused and hoping life will soon return to some kind of normality.

Costa Rica in November –



I had a smooth traveling to **Costa Rica** in Central America. As planned, I stayed and worked only in **Alajuela**, November 2nd-11th. Due to issues related to the strict national rules, the church (pictured left) meets in the house of *Santiago* and *Marisela Soto*. Not all the members were able to meet due to health issues, but those that attended are determined and focused on serving God and one another.

As you may already know, the church in Alajuela is the oldest of the sound churches in Costa Rica. *Gerardo* and *Mayra Cambronero* (pictured below) were instrumental

in the 1960's in establishing the first sound church in Costa Rica. *Marisela*, their daughter, married *Santiago Soto* who has preached in Alajuela since the 1970's. *José Soto* introduced me to the work in Costa Rica in the 1970's and since then I have made numerous preaching trips to labor among the faithful Christians. Strange as it may seem to some – we must imitate the faith and courage of 1st century Christians and not succumb to our trials and tribulations.



Santiago, *Marisela*, *Josué* and *Abby* (pictured below) are highly respected by the local congregation. They are faithfully serving the local church since it's beginning. Many of us – who have worked with them – have enjoyed their company and hospitality. It is so satisfying to work with them.



As in my prior preaching trips – I was focused on encouraging the brethren amid the present health issues that have discouraged many Christians in all parts of the world – it is no different in Costa Rica. I also preached on the need to be on alert – false teaching is coming from many directions, from within and from outside the local congregation. My lesson on Jude’s warnings was well received by all.

encouraging how *Marvin* and *Santiago* – brothers in the flesh – work together preaching the word. Additionally, *Gerardo Cambronero* and *Josué Soto* (all four pictured below) also contribute to the preaching program of the local church. Several other men also participate in the work of the local church. When you pray, remember these good folks and their local efforts.

Marvin Soto, younger brother to *Santiago*, labors with the same church in *Alajuela*. *Marvin* is also very active in teaching through the *Zoom* platform. It is very



Dominican Republic in December –

My last trip for this year will be the first days of December – to **Santo Domingo**. I look forward to working with brother *Arcadio Mañon Ozuna*. He has kept me informed of what to expect during my visit and work. Please remember this effort in your prayers.

Preaching Trips Planned For 2022 –

In January I will be with one of the local churches in **Saltillo, Nuevo León, México** – about one hour drive south of Monterrey. *José Ángel Garza* is the local evangelist, an old friend with whom I have worked with in the past.

In February I will return to **Catacaos, Peru**. I will be teaching my series of lessons on “*Preparándonos para servir*” (English: “Preparing Ourselves to Serve”). The brethren in *Catacaos*, with the help of brother *Emilio Lertzundi*, will be preparing the ground for these studies that have proven to be of much help to other local churches.

In Closing –

I thank God every day for His care and guidance. I also thank you for your confidence in me and my work, for your fellowship in the work of evangelism. I ask for your continued prayers and financial support as we walk into the New Year 2022. God will surely bless you and yours as He has done up till now. *Minnie* and I – and our children – wish you and yours a happy and safe holiday season.

In Christ,
Ruben C. Amador