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Beach Street CHURCH OF CHRIST Ft. Worth, TX

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

Esteemed brethren,

With the beginning of October, we move into the 4th quarter of the year 2024. September was a good month as I traveled to preach for the first time in the state of **Sonora**, Mexico. Following is a brief report on the work I did among the Lord's people in **Agua Prieta, Sonora**, just across the border from **Douglas, Arizona**. Also, please note the remaining preaching trips for this year 2024 and the ones planned for the first months of 2025.

Agua Prieta, Sonora, México (September 10th-15th)

It was a good week working with the local church in **Agua Prieta**. Attendance during the week was low due to the secular work and school schedule of some of the members. Attendance improved during the weekend. It was encouraging to have first-time and repeated visitors during the week. The picture to the right was taken on Sunday morning with several visitors in attendance. Several ladies drove from Phoenix to attend the meeting.



One lady, *Irene Soto*, obeyed the gospel on Friday. She started attending the assemblies of the church some months earlier and had several studies with *William Centeno* (local preacher; pictured left) and some of the ladies. The day before she was baptized, William and I studied with her, reviewing God's plan of salvation. William informed me after I returned home that one local member was restored the week after the meeting and that several visitors requested Bible studies because of the meeting.

William and *Andrea Centeno* have three children, *Priscila*, *Raquel* and *William*. (Pictured below.) I met William in **Havana, Cuba**, back in 1992. William, from Nicaragua, was in Havana receiving medical treatments. He was deeply associated with the institutional movement as a graduate of their preachers' school. William would seat silently listening my Bible classes and sermons. However, when I would return home, he would try to refute or contradict the Bible studies we had on the present issues of

institutionalism. Some years later, William responded by publicly admitting his misunderstanding of the Scriptures and his acceptance of the truth on the present issues of institutionalism. William even made special efforts to communicate to me his stand for truth, even apologizing for his efforts to contradict Bible truths. Presently, his work speaks volumes of his sincerity and love of truth. He is active in the local work and in his foreign work in Latin America.



Besides the local church in **Agua Prieta**, there are several Spanish-speaking congregations along the Arizona and Sonora border that are the results of the work of several preachers dating back to the 1950's and 1960's. Such men as *Mack Kercheville*, *Vernon Hawkins*, and *Rosendo Cantú* are remembered for their preaching work. The work along the Arizona and Sonora border is real evidence of the results of preaching the gospel in the Spanish language...the native tongue of many in this area. Amid countless problems, challenges and dangers, the salvation of the souls of men and women remain our focus - **1 Peter 1:9**. Thanks to our present preachers and supporters, the preaching of the gospel continues in this area and throughout Latin America. The gospel - in whatever language - will continue to be received by people with sincere hearts.



the three children of Andrea and William Centeno.

The church in **Agua Prieta** sends their best regards and thanks to all the brethren who have a part in my work. It was mentioned several times in the assemblies and in our personal visits with several families. I also delivered greeting cards to the brethren in Agua Prieta. These greeting cards are sent by different individuals with the intent of encouraging the brethren. The church in Agua Prieta received the cards with much joy and appreciation. Pictured left: *William, Priscila, and Raquel* - the

Burnet, Texas - October 13th-16th

In about two weeks, I will be driving to **Burnet**, Texas, where I will be with the **Oaks-West** congregation. This will be my first meeting with the Lord's people in Burnet. Brother *Darrell Trammel* is the local evangelist. *George and Bobbie Gresham* - old friends from Sinton, Texas, my hometown, are members at Oaks-West. George and Darrell are serving as elders at Oaks-West. Look forward to our meeting with all the saints there. Please remember this effort in your public and private prayers.

Remaining Preaching Trips & Gospel Meetings In 2024.

- **November 3rd-8th**, I will be returning to **Guadalajara, Mexico**, preaching with the Gómez Farías congregation.
- **December 3rd-8th**, is the date I will be with the **Flagler Grove** Spanish-speaking congregation in **Miami, Florida**. My good friend, *Iván Palomino*, is the local evangelist.

Preaching Trips & Gospel Meetings Schedule for 2025.

- **January 15th-23rd**, plans call for me to be with the church in **Alajuela**, Costa Rica.
- **February 18th-27th**, is the date of my preaching trip to **Buenos Aires**, Argentina, where I will be with the local church in **Moreno**, a suburb of Buenos Aires.
- **March 16th-21st**, I will be holding a gospel meeting with the **University Heights** congregation in Lexington, Kentucky.
- **April 7th-18th**, plans are to travel to **Peru**, South America. Working with local churches in the northern sector of Peru (**Zamba, Catacaos, and Paíta**).

In Conclusion.

Please accept my thanks for your prayers, your generous support and love. Our combined efforts make it possible to reach people with the gospel of salvation. Our Good Lord and Savior will surely continue to bless you in your local and foreign efforts.

Your prayers are very important in the work of evangelism (**2 Thess. 3:1-3; 1 Tim. 2:1-8**). We ask and welcome your prayers.

In the love of Christ,
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