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September 2020 - Prayer Letter

Dear Beloved Brethren,

We are sending you a cordial greeting and praying that you are all well, forever strengthen in Christ, trusting in His promises As always, we cannot over state this, we thank and we will keep on thanking our Eternal God, Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for sending us on this glorious mission. It is truly a joy as we do His will even in difficult times. We pray that His Holy Spirit will keep on guiding us in the right path of righteousness and to be obedient and faithful until the end. We understand that we are living in difficult times and we do immensely thank you for your support, prayers and we praise the Lord for your faithfulness. As we keep on pressing on this glorious journey, the month of September has been a continuing experience still dealing with the COVID – 19 crisis as we are still in lockdown, not as strict as before because we are allowed to go out 5 days during the week from 5:00AM to 8:00PM depending on your license plate with the ongoing restrictions, until further notice from the Ministry of Health.

As we press on, please pray and continue to pray for the following prayer request:

PRAYERS

- 1. We had another earthquake earlier this this month, not as bad as the other one but strong enough to be felt.
- We are still praying about starting a bible study and reaching people virtually (physically it is not possible yet) via Facebook and Zoom, now that we have many contacts and for the Lord's for direction as we are preparing for it. Fridays at 7:00PM and Sundays at 2:00PM Costa Rica time. Lord willing we would like to start sometime in October.
- 3. We went to Immigration on the 30th September, they told us to call on the 14th of October for appointment. Everything is by appointment now. You can't just walk in like before.
- 4. Our health in order to work in His vineyard. The Lord has been good with us. Protection from the COVID 19. It is difficult to go out and evangelize due to this pandemic crisis but we do it when we have a chance to. Praise the Lord for that!
- 5. Place for the ministry, **it is still available**, continue praying for its availability. We are very anxious to start the ministry but we have to wait on the Lord, He is in control (Psalms 27:14). We believe that the Lord is holding that place for us, giving us time as well with this pandemic crisis.
- 6. Pray about the COVID 19, It is getting worse each day and has surpassed 75,000 cases with 880 deaths.
- 7. Pray regarding the assembly of churches, the Ministry of Health has not given the full go ahead to start because of the continuing increase of COVID 19 cases, but some churches started to congregate, depending on the area where you are whether green or yellow alert at 50% capacity; if you are in orange alert, like we are, you can't open.
- 8. Pray about the total reopening of airports, only some States in the United States are allowed to come under strict restrictions.
- 9. Pray about the Post office and Customs situation here, we can't receive mails and we don't know when it will resume.

Support Level

Our support is still at 90%.

Safety with Travels

Protection on the road and the COVID – 19. Now with these frequent earthquakes.

Schedule of Meetings

It will be a blessing if we can have meetings via the internet while we are in Costa Rica.

Softness of Attitude

To stay close to God and focus on Him and the mission that is set before us.

PRAISES

- Praise the Lord that my wife is being used greatly in the group she is involved with, many women are asking her to pray for them on a daily basis. That is truly a blessing on how the Lord is using my wife for His glory as we see prayers being answered.
- 2. Praise the Lord, I had the privilege to speak two times this month to the pastors, we have a good group as we meet every Tuesdays and Fridays early in the morning. It is truly a blessing. Pastors are being encouraged. Also, one of the pastor's (Pr. Sergio Matarrita Iglesia Bautista Calle Blancos) asked me to preach via Zoom last Sunday, it was a blessing. Also, I have a tentative conference, via Zoom as well, to speak to all the Independent Baptist Spanish Churches in Central, South and North America in October sometime. Please pray about this conference.
- 3. Praise the Lord we also meet each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening for Bible Study and prayer meeting with the church that we are involved with, as well as on Sunday morning and evening for preaching. The Lord is also using me during that time.

Beloved Brethren, may the love of the Almighty God, the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you All. Amen!

Brother Jean-Claude & Sister Matilde Guilbaud

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