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August 2007 Report

Dear brethren,

This report is going a few days late due to several factors. As always, it is a joy to inform you of my labors and circumstances surrounding them.

Nearly every month I receive letters, cards, phone calls and emails from you and others encouraging me in the work I do locally and in the foreign fields. Thanks so much for your genuine concern and participation in the work. It is a real joy and blessing to have such a genuine fellowship with all of you.

ECUADOR

Back in March I informed you that *“some 25 years ago brother Wayne Partain and I visited in Ecuador with several preaching brethren and churches that had for some time received the Spanish Bible literature published and distributed by brother Partain and brother Bill Reeves.”* The printed work of these two men has done a lot of good in Latin America, and this will be true for many more years!

It is totally correct to recall the good work of several brethren who either started the work in Ecuador or helped to encourage it. Men like Angel Ramos who worked among the Quechua tribe in and around Riobamba establishing over 20 congregations. Several months after our first visit, brother Ramos passed away, but due to his invitation the door into Ecuador was wide open. Today, it remains wide open.

Outside of Quito, the Lord's work is growing. But there is a lot more work needed in the city of Quito. On this trip, besides working among the established group, I had the opportunity to visit and study with a member of the Supreme Court of Ecuador, his wife and family. They belong to an evangelical church that believes in keeping the Sabbath. Because of my work in Cuba, I have also followed-up on several contacts that were given to me in Cuba. There is much work to be done in this beautiful picturesque country.

If you work in Ecuador, you will work among the Quechua tribe! Due to the generous gift of brother and sister Jeff Vincent, I bought 50 Bibles printed in the Quechua dialect. These were delivered to the brethren to distribute among the members and visitors who do not have a Bible. It is not strange that people do not have Bibles in this Catholic dominated country.

As in prior preaching trips, I taught on the dangers the local church faces from the social gospel concept. The problems and failures in the national government have “inspired” different religious groups to be sponsors of social welfare. Churches of Christ in Latin America are continuously challenged to participate in alleviating the social ills. The brethren in Ecuador are facing the very same issues that we face here in our own country. The good people in Ecuador – especially our brethren – are in need of sound biblical preaching. It is my pleasure to share sound biblical preaching with them!

LANGWOOD

Our school age children are back in school! Our local families are back in place and this means consistent attendance and participation by all our members. I always look forward to the end of summer vacation because we seem to accomplish more from September to December. For the month of August our attendance was about 20% less than usual. But, we still had over 34 visitors! Most of these attended the Sunday morning of August 19th.

Isabel Cervantes and Ricky Cuellar Jr. (members at Langwood) were united in matrimony on Sunday, August 26th. I was asked to unite them in marriage. Remember them in your prayers.

Dorinda and James Tuggle’s little baby (James) is now home. He is doing just fine weighing 7 pounds. You will recall that he was born two months premature. As you can well imagine, our whole family is very thankful to God for His loving care. Please remember them in your prayers.

GOSPEL MEETING

I will be in Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, September 9th through September 14th. My good friend, David Lanus, is laboring with the church there.

Thanks again for your part in my work. You are a real inspiration to me.

In Him,
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