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Dear brethren in Christ,

Thanks to all of you for your faithful support and prayers which without a doubt enabled me to devote my time and energy to the local and foreign work during the month of October. We must now stand back and wait as the Lord gives the increase at His appointed time.

CUBA October 14th – 28th

I had a safe trip to and from Cuba. As I mentioned in my last report, the trip would focus on taking relief help to the needy among the saints and on encouraging the local churches in and around Havana and in the Province of Guantanamo.

I arrived in Cuba on the 15th. Just as I had done in my last two trips, I first visited with as many of the brethren (from Guantanamo) who are hospitalized in the various hospitals in Havana. It took three whole days to accomplish. This was a moving experience, especially seeing firsthand the great improvements among the majority of the brethren! The results of many prayers, generous financial help and medical attention are very obvious. Add to this the faithful attention – hospitality – that most of the brethren in Havana have given to these brethren from Guantanamo. Still eight of the brethren hospitalized remain in very critical condition. Two men and one woman passed away some weeks ago. The brethren are living a mixture of joy and sadness, but they remain grateful and content with the Lord's many blessings.

October 19th through October 22nd I spent among the saints in *Yateras*, *Imias* and *Malsi* delivering the funds collected for them. From October 23rd through October 28th I spent in Havana working with the saints there and attending to several minor issues among the saints.

On Sunday, October 21st, it was Election Day in Cuba. It was very difficult to move from one place to another during the three days: Saturday, Sunday and Monday. As you may already know, all Cuban citizens are required to vote, and we were informed that they all did. Nevertheless brethren met on Sunday as scheduled and the assembly of the saints was orderly and spiritual as any given Sunday.

The Cuban brethren are extremely content with all of the brethren who make it possible for me to travel and work among them. They remembered all of you in their prayers. They also acknowledge the very need and importance of my travel and work among them. Continue to remember the Cuban saints in your prayers.

LANGWOOD (Houston, Texas):

Our Sunday and Wednesday Bible Classes are on schedule. We will finish the O. T. at the end of December. With this study we are learning all of the basics on each book of the O.T. But of much importance have been the valuable lessons we learned about God's dealings with mankind. God has always been fair and generous in offering and showing mercy to all who repent and follow Him!

Roland Amador and his two sons (Joshua and Andrew) visited with us the first week in October. Roland preached at our Sunday morning assembly on October 7th. Joshua (14) and Andrew (9) were born in Houston and always have a great time visiting with us. They remain faithful "Texans" in the foreign land of Kentucky.

At the invitation of the Langwood church, Juan Sánchez from Austin preached on two separate Sundays: October 14th and 21st. These were the two Sundays that I was away (Cuba). The brethren were glad to have him and his family at both assemblies.

Attendance during the month of October was excellent! We had 29 visitors and we continue to work towards teaching others God's Truth and encouraging those who are already Christians.

In closing, thanks so much for your willingness to participate with me in my local and foreign work. May God continue to bless you in your local work and in all of your efforts to preach the Gospel in foreign places.

In Him,
Ruben C. Amador