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Dear Brethren,

A pastor friend advised me that the first time I sent this out there was no attachment. I hope this one works.

The attached letter is a report from Missionary Bismark Martinez in Canalete, Costa Rica.

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Beloved Pastors and Churches,

Receive a warm embrace from Costa Rica from your missionaries, the Bismark Martínez family, in Canalete de Upala. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

We have been greatly blessed in the work of the Lord God who is always faithful, guiding us in every step and fulfilling His promises. I would like to share with you some of the many things God is doing in our church. Thanks to Him, we have had visits from people who have come to our church as a result of the outreach we do in distributing tracts and church information. We have received Mr. Sergio and his wife Ana, as well as Mr. José with his entire family, a neighbor from San Antonio of Upala, about 30 km from our church. We have also received Rosibel with her two children and two grandchildren. And by the grace of God, Sister Jenny Estrada, Sister Sofia, and Breyner have put their faith in Christ. These last two are 16-year-olds who have come to Christ and are faithfully attending our church. We trust they will stay. On the other hand, we have been affected by some health problems among the brethren. Brother Brian had knee surgery, Brother Nicholas had gallbladder surgery, Pamela also had a salpingectomy, and Sister Gabriela and our Sister Rebeca have kidney stones. We ask for your prayers for their healing.

We have had visits from some pastors and brethren who have come from the United States, including Brother Carl Hewlett. Brother Simon Morrison, Brother Gary Moore, Brother Rick Glass, Rick Montes, Zach Morrison, and other friends have also been with us.



We have an urgent need to complete certain projects, brethren, such as the complete replacement of the electrical system in our church. We need to change outlets, as well as the electrical panel, and replace everything. This has an approximate cost of \$4,000, according to the engineer. This is because our country has a regulation for evangelical churches which requires us to replace the electrical wiring. Thank you, brethren, for considering these requests. Please pray for us.

We also have other projects, such as the construction of an office, and also a nursery

for the young ones. We urgently need this because we have been blessed to have six little ones of nursery age. We also want to tile the dining room floor. We have newborns, like our granddaughter Amaris, our grandson Leo, and three other children from the church. All these requests are very important.

We continue visiting door to door and are also participating with the youth in retreats and weekly meetings. We also are continuing with the Bible Institute, Men's and Women's meetings, and Married Couples' meetings.

Brethren, we recently had a deputation trip covering different areas in the United States with our brother Carl. This time, we were accompanied by Brother Francisco Moreno and Brother Pedro Alfaro from Monterrey. We were in Virginia, West Virginia, South Carolina, and also in some areas of Tampa. Thank God, the Lord was faithful and watched over us. The Lord allowed us to meet a wonderful family in South Carolina.

I had a problem, brethren, due to my having to repurchase a ticket, since the airline had canceled my reservation. It cost \$945. Please pray that the Lord would help me recover from this unexpected loss. I also ask for your prayers, brethren, for my wife's eye glasses, which are expired and cost \$400. We also urgently need an air conditioner installed, at least in our room, since the heat is like a Tampa summer—very hot. We ask for your help, brethren, to improve the working conditions of our vehicles since it involves a great cost in keeping them maintained. However, even with these obstacles, we continue Sunday after Sunday running the route for those children who make up a group of 30 to 35 per week. Plus, we also are preparing for Vacation Bible School which is coming up in July.

I want to thank those that help us, and those of our supporting churches, for all your support and prayers, along with our friends who so willingly read this report. Although no one on this trip up till now has said that they will take us on for support, we will continue praying and going forward in God's work and the salvation of souls. I also want to thank the churches and pastors for their love offerings given during our visits. May God bless you all.

Thank you for praying.

Your Missionary and Pastor,

Bismark Martínez, Wife Iris Villalobos Córdoba. Mt. 28:18-20







