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LIVING IN PANAMA

Panama is a beautiful country with near four million souls as population. The Panama Canal is certainly one of the wonders of this world, and we would like you to come and visit it someday if you have not do it yet. Arraijan, the city where we live is continually growing because of its proximity to the capital, Ciudad de Panama. Traffic become heavier than when we left to go to Memphis three years ago. If there is something that any driver needs in Panama, that is patience. There are those who keeps screaming to every car because they are not moving, others who, because of their hurry, cause any kind of accident by attempting to invent new routes. Defensive driving is a must here.

Basic services such as water, electricity, and internet are another reason to learn how to be patient. There are some areas where outages are common, and there are others where the service seems not to exist. In our neighborhood, we had experienced a few times, especially during the weekends, this kind of outages. There have been some occasions where the water outage was longer than 24 hours. We are looking for options to prevent this, such as getting quotes to install a water storage tank in our home.

Now, no matter how those “inconveniences” affected us, we are happy to be back home. Since the day we came back, we have been worshipping with our brethren at Iglesia de Cristo en Torrijos Carter. This congregation is located almost an hour and a half away from where we live. This congregation was started by my father-in-law and has been meeting for more than 40 years. He is the local preacher there, but, they traveled to Oklahoma a couple of weeks ago, to spend some time with my brother and sister-in-law, who are expecting a baby girl early this July. In the meantime, I have been preaching and teaching there, and one week we visited our brethren at Iglesia de Cristo en Arraijan, which is about forty minutes from our house. Last week, we started Bible studies at our home with some of the brethren that live close to us, and we are studying the topic “*The Bible Doctrine of God*,” using the Bible as our main source,

and the book written by brother Robert R. Taylor, Jr. as support material. That book is also the first one I am translating and hope to finish that translation in the coming weeks. At the end of the month, we will travel to David, Chiriqui, which is an eight hours drive away from our home, to help the brethren from the church of Christ at Coldwater, MS, in their campaign. We will be very happy to see some of the faces we met during our time in Memphis and help them as they help us to do the work for the Lord.

Two days ago, was Graduation Day. I am so happy to say that I am not only a Memphis School of Preaching (MSOP) graduate, but also an MSOP Missions Program graduate. It was during the Graduation ceremony that brother Keith A. Mosher, Sr. pointed the audience to read the following passage,

“Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee”

(1 Timothy 4:16).

During our preparation at MSOP, we learned that we (preachers) are not to be the overseers but proclaimers of the Word of God. We came back not to be the bosses of our brethren, but to teach them how they can follow God's commands and learn how to choose faithful men to lead them through this journey. We are thankful for everything we learned, and with the opportunity to put all that knowledge into practice now.

We have a big work in our hands, and we know we cannot do it by ourselves only. We are thankful for so many brethren who are interested in working with us, and for the brethren here that are looking to follow the same path that we are looking. We are still seeking for supporters, but it is not just about the money. We are seeking for those who would like to come and get to know this amazing country, who would like to get to know this amazing people, and who would like to come and get the experience of a new field, of a new culture, of the need that this country have of sound and faithful Gospel preaching and teaching. Dear brethren, we have been working hard in our house, and we still do, but we want you to know that whenever you have the opportunity to come, our house is your house. If you do not know how to speak Spanish, do not worry, many people here speaks or at least understand English. We will not leave you alone, so you will always have someone with you that can help you on the translate. Please take the opportunity to come, to work, and to help us in doing the work of the Lord. God bless you.



Preaching at Iglesia de Cristo en Torrijos Carter.

GOD IS LOVE

1 John 4 has been the text we have been studying during the last few weeks at Iglesia de Cristo en Torrijos Carter. We already covered the first six verses on how to try the spirits. This past week, we started with,

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

(1 John 4:7-8).

When I was teaching about the different Greek words used to describe love, how to know what the love of God is, and how we must love, the brethren started to do questions and provide comments, seeking for answers and explanations. I loved it because I saw the commitment that that little congregation has on doing what is right in the eyes of the Lord, learning how they can do it, and correcting what they might not be doing right. We took almost one hour just in that passage, and we might need to continue a few more minutes this week on it, while we continue studying the rest of that chapter. It is in this kind of situations where I pray and give thanks to God for the opportunity that we had to go to MSOP and learn not only how to preach, how to study the Bible, but how to serve and help others. I am thankful for my beloved wife who encourages me and helps me to see things that sometimes I might omit. I am thankful for my son who is also encouraging me by helping during the services and at our home. I am thankful for all the brethren who believes and support what we are doing, not because they trust or believe in ourselves, but because their mind and hearts are focused on serving the Lord and do His Will. And, I know that these same expressions and feelings are similar with my fellow classmates who are having the same experiences that we do, in their local congregations.

Dear brethren, as the passage and the verses after that one clearly teaches, we love God because He loved us first. He is our Creator, our Father, our Benefactor, our King, our Lord, our Savior, our Friend, and we might keep giving more descriptions of who God is, but the most important thing is that He loves us and does not want us to be lost (2 Peter 3:9). He wants that each one of us come back home, with Him.

“Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not”

(1 John 3:1)

Dear brethren, let us take heed of that beautiful blessing that we have to be the sons of God, and let us start to love and keep loving as our Heavenly Father taught us, and want us to do. Let us show to this sinful world that God exists, that He is great, but more importantly, that He loves us. We keep all of you and your works in our prayers, please pray for us and our work, the Lord does not only need preachers or teachers in His service, but faithful Christians who love Him and keep his commandments (John 14:15). Let us do the will of God, and glorify His Name in everything we do (Colossians 3:17,23). God bless you my dear brethren.

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