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A TIME OF TRANSITIONS

One thing we can surely know about the times we are living is that coronavirus is changing what we knew as “normal”. It has been about a month since the Panamanian government decreed that we must stay at home. Many people disobeyed and many more got the virus because of this disobedience. Churches have not been able to assemble in their buildings, only through social media. I know this is not new to all of you, America has been practicing very similar actions because of the virus.

Interestingly, my workload has increased since the beginning of this pandemic. I will provide details later on in this newsletter, but there is one thing I want to address first, one transition in which we are involved.

In our last newsletter, I mentioned about the need for a new sponsoring congregation as our brethren from Gonzales, LA would prefer to have some local work in Panama to oversee rather than the new project in which we are getting involved. I also mentioned that we had a meeting with a congregation in Texas while we visited last February. That congregation is University church of Christ, in San Marcos, TX.

We are very thankful to God for our relationship with Gonzales church of Christ, and the huge help they have been in our ministry here in Panama. They have been helping us even with the rent of the place for the congregation. They have been very generous and courteous with all of us, and we will forever be thankful to them for that, and they are part of our prayers. Now, we are ready to transition to our new work, while we are still in Panama and working with the brethren at Las Villas, we will be focusing more and more in developing the materials for the Online Spanish Bible School, this is the work that will be overseen by the brethren at San Marcos, TX. On the side of the first page of this newsletter is the updated address where to

send checks/funds for our work. This is the last newsletter we will be sending as Go Ye Into All, and the next one will be as Escuela Bíblica en Línea (Spanish for “Online Bible School”). A website is in progress for these efforts and I will be more than glad to let you know when it is ready. Mat Cain, from WVBS, did an awesome job in designing a logo for the school:



Did you remember that I wrote that this quarantine has been keeping me busier? About a month ago, I had a group chat with some Hispanic brethren I know who are also preachers. Brethren from Mexico, Panama, Costa Rica, Honduras, and the USA. I asked them if they were willing to record a class or message each day to share during the weeknights to keep our brethren and friends busy in the study of the Word and encouraged, and they did agree. That is how “La Luz En Mi Andar” started. Translated into English it means “The Light on My Path” or “The Light on My Walk”. Each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, starting at 7:00 pm, we premiere two lessons each night. Topics such as the book of Philippians, or Genesis, or handling aright the word of truth, or the authority of the Bible, or freedom or slavery, or problems of the life, are discussed. I just finished the one of Philippians and will start one on Basic Facts of the Faith (a work I translated for Truth for the World a couple of years ago). If you know Hispanics who would like to study with us, it is a Facebook page (www.fb.com/laluzenmiandar/live) and there is a YouTube channel too. My beautiful Jacky also started a Bible Study for Ladies based on the one by Lori Boyd on Praying.

We have more than 400 followers and it keeps growing each day. Many join the premieres and have commented on how useful this project is. In America, you might have live streaming and similar tools available for a long time, but that is not common in Latin America. They are loving it, and are thankful for it. They started asking questions about doctrine, and we were needed to create a new session on Monday nights to answer them. I saw some other brethren started similar works after ours. As the hymn says, “The Gospel is for all”, and we are thankful to do our bit on this. The purpose of this project is very simple, “to meet to give God the glory He deserves”.

You might remember, from previous newsletters, that I translated the study book, “The New You” by Robert Hatfield, by his request. Well, being in quarantine, he started a Facebook group to teach that material to new converts. Since I already got the book translated, we talk about it, and I also started teaching it in Spanish, every Friday at 4:30 pm. You might recall Larissa and Ilka, from the last

newsletter. They were baptized while Wade Webster came to visit us. Both ladies are our new converts and have been enjoying this study and already express how thankful they are for it.

In regards of the congregation, I am thankful that Javier Lara, an MSOP graduate, is part of our congregation and has been helping me with all the work and the current transition. He is also part of “La Luz En Mi Andar”.

We might stay at home, but the Word of God is keeping its course. We are working together with God and no virus will be able to stop us. This coronavirus has been a big problem but opened a huge door that many brethren did not know before. I rejoice in seeing the growth of congregations who are coming out of their comfort zones, using resources they did not attempt before, preachers who never used a computer before but are recording their lessons and sermons just to help their brethren to keep growing in the knowledge of God, to keep worshipping even when they are not able to go to the church building, to keep having fellowship even when each one is in their homes.

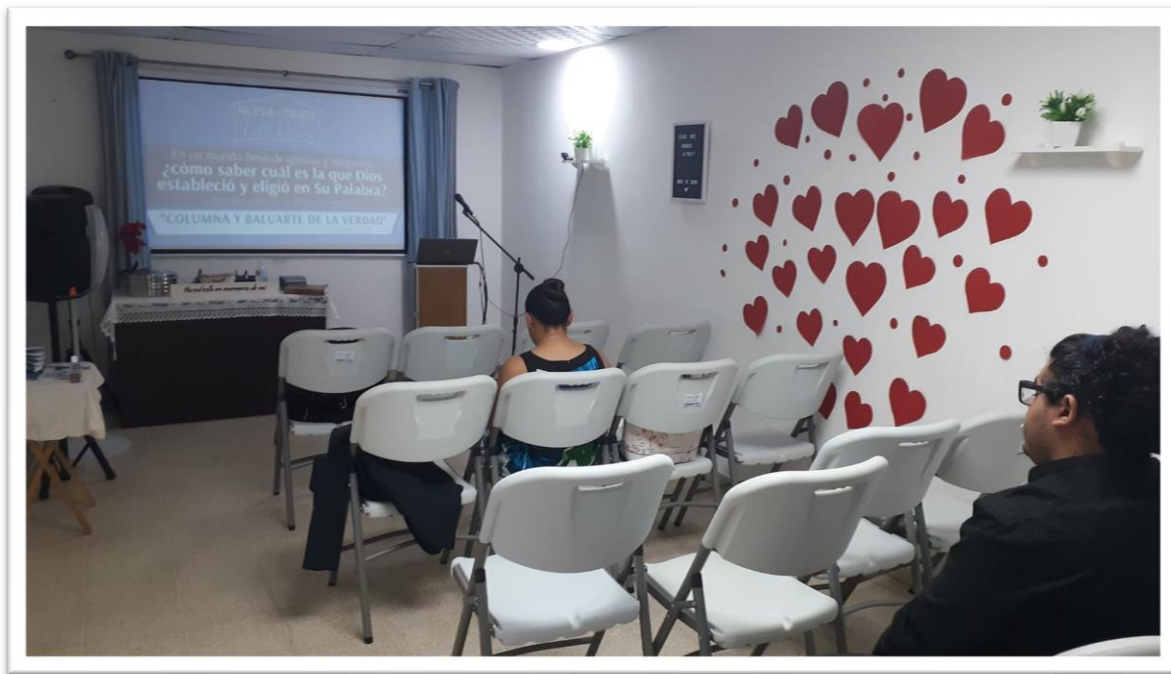
Thank you, dear brethren, for being part of our work. For supporting our efforts. For allowing us to dedicate ourselves, 100%, to the work of the Lord. As we are still transitioning to the new work, please be with us, we need you, and we need more help. The work of the school is a huge load, but we are thankful to God for giving us that opportunity, one in a million, or why not, one in a billion.

May God bless you richly today and always, and please, stay safe, we will certainly love to see you again when all this pandemic ends.

ARTICLES, VIDEOS, AND MORE...

- Articles which were written or translated by me into Spanish are available at <http://idclasvillas.org/blog/>
- Bible Studies, sermons, campaigns, and other videos are available at the congregation’s YouTube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5yWKidMBLun3zkPY1hiRuQ>)
- “La Luz En Mi Andar”, Bible lessons shared by 7 Hispanic preachers are available at www.fb.com/laluzenmiandar as well as in YouTube, Instagram, Spotify, and iTunes.
- The congregation’s weekly bulletin is only available in Spanish but can be also accessed through the website, <http://idclasvillas.org/boletines>
- Currently working on the translation of “The Bible Doctrine of Jehovah God”, a book written by Robert R. Taylor, Jr., with his permission. We are using that book as part of our midweek Bible studies.
- The video material that has been recorded and edited with the brethren from World Video Bible School is available at www.buscandolaverdad.org

PICTURES



Just one picture is shared in this issue. The reason is simple. COVID-19. This was taken on March 22nd, 2020. Just the three of us, that Sunday, in the meeting place. One week before, a neighbor called the police station to report that we were breaking the government's decree. That day, we were less than 20 and did not break that decree. One of our brothers is a police officer and spoke with the other officers and we were able to conclude our worship service. A week later, just the three of us, all the other brethren at home, and just a couple of days after, no one was allowed to go out of home unless for an hour to get groceries/medicines on specific dates and times. We hope and pray this pandemic ends soon, so we can get back and meet our brethren, hug them, shake hands, and let them know how important they are for all of you. In that same hope and prayer, is our desire to get to see you all again. Once again, please stay safe, take care of yourself and yours, we will do the same.

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