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Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Now that I am back at home with my family, is my desire that all of you to be growing and strong in Jesus's faith. Let me share with all of you the events of the last few weeks.

Preaching at North Terrace, Tampa (FL)



I began with my preaching compromises in North Terrace from January 30,31 - Feb. 1. Was great to have this bilingual preaching although some times during my preaching I forgot that I had to switch my mind from English to Spanish or Spanish to English. We had a good attendance during these 3 days of preaching, and was very special to meet Christians from other places coming to this miniserie of preaching. The lessons that I was presenting were:

1. How the Ephesians were saved by grace?
2. John 17:3 -- "And this is eternal life: to know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent—Jesus the Messiah.
3. What you believe about Jesus?
4. Deity and Humanity of Jesus Christ.

Thanks to all my brothers and sisters at North Terrace for all their hospitality toward me and my daughter Natalia, and very special to my brother Royce Chandler and Hope his wife.

Gospel Meeting in McAllen (TX)

Very special thanks to my brother Wayne Galloway who took me to the airport in Tampa at 4 AM to get my flight to McAllen (TX).





With brother Joaquín Blengio and his wife Socorro

I had a series of sermons in McAllen from February 6 - 13, preaching during 8 days. To be again with my brother Joaquín Blengio and his wife Socorro was a very good time. I met them for first time about 23 years ago when I just married. These last two years I have had the privilege to be in McAllen preaching in the congregación where he is the local preacher.

During those 8 days of preaching we had a very good attendance, some nights was necessary to get extra chairs for the people that came from other places to listen the lessons. Special thanks to those brothers and sisters that came from the other side of the border (México) to be among us studying the Word of God.



The lessons that I was presenting they were:

1. Lessons From Eli.
2. Aliens and Pilgrims
3. Ellipsis - Talking Where the Bible is Silent.
4. Women, Gift of God to Man.
5. Did God Permit That His Son to Die Alone On the Cross?
6. Aberrant Positions: Doing the Lord Jesus as a sinner.
7. How the Ephesians were saved by grace?
8. Lessons from Esther: Give Honor Their Husbands

My thanks to all my brothers and sisters in this congregation for their love and hospitality toward me during those days of preaching. God can give more opportunities to be among them sharing the Word of God. God bless all of you.

Hains Street Church of Christ, Hollywood (FL)

A small group of hispanic Christians meets in this local congregation. I was among them during February 15-18. Was a big pleasure to have this opportunity among these brothers and sisters, although they are a very small group their love and interest in the Word of God is very big. They do not have a gospel preacher, what they do in Sunday morning services is to project one of the video/lessons of sermons that I have in my web site and in youtube and in that way to study the Word of God.

The lessons that I preaching among them were:



1. "That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him" (John 5:23) - Part 1
2. "That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him" (John 5:23) - Part 2
3. Descriptive Terms of Christian: Servants
4. Descriptive Terms of Christian: Soldiers
5. How the Ephesians were saved by grace?

Flagler Grove Church of Christ, Miami (FL)

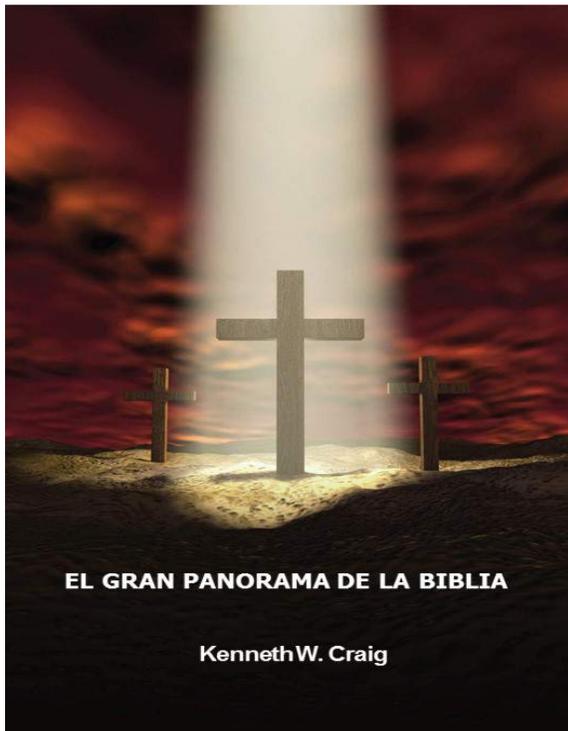


Once again I have the bless to be among my brothers and sisters in Flagler Grove. They are a sound church that meets very close to the Miami airport. From February 19-22 I was giving a series of lessons on:

1. The Biblical Noah vs. The Noah of Hollywood
2. Deity and Humanity of Jesus Christ
3. The New Birth - Part 1
4. The New Brith - Part 2
5. Isaiah 2:1-4

Special thanks for my brother Amín, his wife Hilda and their daughter Jennifer for their kidness toward me. May God continue giving to me other opportunities to be visiting this group of Christians in the years to come.

Ken Craig - Bogotá - March 13-15 -- THE BIG PICTURE OF THE BIBLE



After my return to Colombia, I was invited to serve as a translator for brother Ken Craig. From March 13-15 we had a series of lessons in the afternoon and evening with brother Ken at the local Church of Christ in “El Rincón” (Bogotá).

A good number of gospel preachers and brothers and sisters came to listen his exposition on THE BIG PICTURE OF THE BIBLE. With me came brother Carlos Arturo Henao (from Santa Rosa), Alirio Torres (from Chinchina), and brother Leonardo Londoño (from Anserma). Brother Mauricio Zapata (from Neira) could not come because a medical appointments that he had.

For 3 days we were listening brother Ken making his exposition on this subject, was excellent, and listening and translating his speech made me feel like in a movie.

This was the opportunity to meet him, and all my brothers enjoyed the translation that I made of his talk. During the 3 days of meeting we had a very good attendance, in one of the meetings we had more than 120 in attendance.

Now, I got permission of my brother Ken to put this material in my web page and available for the hispanic brotherhood.



New Material in Spanish

These last weeks I have been working in a new material that now is available in my web page.

- **A Change of Conviction: A brief study and exchange concerning 1 Corinthians 11:1-16**



It is my conviction that the context clearly shows that Paul is dealing with the custom in Corinth and that any other conduct would have been a shameful display. If we keep in mind that the historical setting of this chapter is the first century, while women, as well as men, had spiritual gifts and keep in mind that the text is basically dealing with the proper relation of men and women, we can better understand the point the apostle is making.

To those interested with this material in Spanish, this is the link from which can be download:

<http://elancladelevangelio.org/new/index.php/mujer/1882-1-corintios-11-1-16-una-cambio-de-conviccion>

- **Woman's Role In Teaching the Bible**

The unfolding of God's word reveals that women have played a significant role in the development of God's scheme of redemption. Godly women in all ages have wielded great influence for good by their examples as well as their teaching. We have all thrilled to read or hear the stories of women like Ruth, and Hannah, the mother of Samuel, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, and Mary, Martha's sister, and Dorcas. Yes, we love the stories of these great women and many more, and their lives live on in the Bible.

This material is available now in my web page in this link:

<http://elancladelevangelio.org/new/index.php/mujer/1883-el-papel-de-la-mujer-en-la-ensenanza-de-la-biblia>



- **Moral Problems of Adolescents**



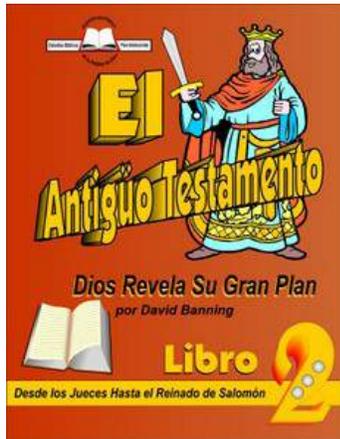
This is a workbook of 13 lessons. For long time I have been working with material for teenagers. This is a workbook that I translated a good number of years ago. Cover 13 lessons on:

1. Christianity is really for teens
2. Flesh vs. Spirit
3. Honesty
4. Appointments and Out Repeatedly With the Same Person
5. The Christian and Sex
6. The Inmodest Clothing

7. Smoking
8. Drink and Drug Abuse
9. Dance
10. The Mental Pollution
11. Homosexuality
12. Abortion
13. Language Issues

From last week when I put it available in my web site have been download 60 times. For those interested, this is the link:

<http://elancladelevangelio.org/new/index.php/jovenes/95-problemas-morales-de-los-adolescentes>



• From Judges to the Reign of Solomon # 2

From the workbook series of brother David Banning, GET THEM TALKING ABOUT GOD'S WORD, finally is ready the translation of this workbook - "From Judges to the Reign of Solomon."

All 13 lessons of this workbook are in PDF and Power Point format. For about 3 months I was teaching this material at the local church in Manizales, and the pleasure it gave the brothers was huge.

Book # 1 is ready from more than a year now, but in this opportunity Book 2 of this series is available too. I am sure that many of you know the English version, and the Spanish version have a different presentation in the Power Point format, that is made by myself.

• The Lord's Supper - A Study Guide For All Christians

In 1998 I translated into Spanish this material of brother Dick Blackford. Always was my desire to have it available for my brothers and sisters in the hispanic brotherhood.

A few days ago I put it in my web page and now have been download 63 times. Some of those that have download the material have written expressing appreciation for this workbook, and also asking for more material like this covering other subjects.

I am working in that, and hope that in few days I can share with all them, the other material that I have ready in Spanish.



Spiritual Leadership & The Eldership

Brother Matt Allan with a group of brothers from Kettering Church of Christ (OH), will be in Colombia beginning June to give a series of lessons on "Spiritual Leadership & The Eldership." We will begin with this series of lessons with this schedule:

- June 1-5 -- Manizales
- June 6-7 -- Cali
- June 8-12 -- Barranquilla & Cartagena
- June 13-14 -- Bogotá

This is a study program focused primarily for gospel preachers, but are invited all those who wants to attend.

CAMP - Parents School

In June 27-29 brother Carlos Julio Ramirez is organizing the Camp: Parents School. Brother Wayne Galloway and his wife Phyllis from Standford (KY) will be the speakers in this Camp. We hope that a good number of parents can come and enjoy this time together studying the Word of God about this subject. Any one interested in attending can contact brother Carlos Julio (cjramirez52@gmail.com).

Manizales

We continue with our lessons without problem. Right now that I finished with the workbook - "From Judges to the Reign of Solomon", we are ready to begin with new topics, and I considering to begin to the study the book of Leviticus, but is a decision that we are going to take during this week.

Again, we are trying to organize our preaching team to go out. We want to preach not only in the city but also out of the country.

I continue making the video recording of the sermons on Sunday that I am putting in my web page and youtube.

Natalia Restrepo Gutierrez

Our daughter Natalia continue in Tampa improving her English. This April 25th she has her TOEFL test, and if she got the score, will be beginning her studies at Florida College in August. Thanks to the Chandler's family for hosting our daughter and help that her dream become a truth.

Thanks to those of you that continuously remember us in your prayers, and for all your concern and support with this servant.

Your brother and fellowsoldier of Jesus Christ, Jaime Restrepo.