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Dear brothers and sisters;

It has been already one month has passed since my last report, but rather full of work in the Lord's work. Praying to God for all of you are well and enjoying health.

### **Natalia Back Home**



Celina & Natalia

3 months ago our youngest daughter Natalia went in search of her dreams. During this time it was hosted at the home of the brothers Royce & Hope Chandler, and Luke & Melannie Chandler.

God has allowed everything to go well, and the purpose has been achieved. After presenting her exams in the USA, it has managed to get the score needed to continue their education, and I thank all those who in one way or another have been involved in this dream of our daughter.

Natalia is 17 years old now, her potential is huge, and even her great desire to serve the Lord wherever she is. We are now enjoying her company between us, even her mother, she is her darling baby girl. In August, God willing, will be starting her career at Florida College. God bless all those who have helped to make this dream of ours come true daughter.

### **Home Bible Studies**

Tuesdays and Fridays we have two Bible studies in homes.

- **Tuesday** – We are meeting with the group of new brothers that there is now in the congregation and several former members are accompanying us, and we are studying a series of lessons about “biblical authority” so far we 5 lessons.
  1. Authority Our Need Of It.
  2. Authority - Our Need of It As Seen in the N.T.
  3. The Source of Authority.
  4. The Source of Authority - What It Is.
  5. The Authority of Jesus is Set Forth in the N.T.

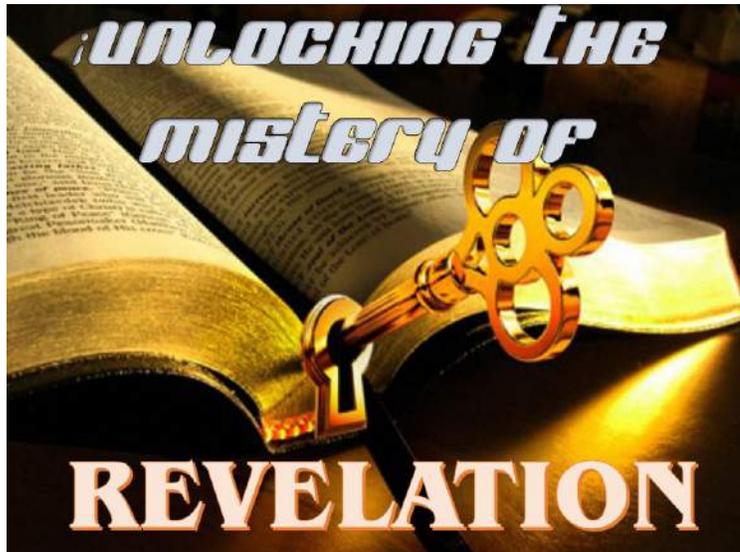
It has been very rewarding attendance and participation of these new brothers in the church, and even more to see how effective were these lessons to address many of



your questions, since some of them come from a denominational religious background.

- **Friday** – At the request of a sister church, we have started to study the book of Revelation. A good group of brothers are meeting us at the home of Sister Adriana Patiño to have a better understanding of this book. It will be a series of 26 lessons I've been preparing, which I titled - **“Unlocking the Mystery of the Book of Revelation”**. So far we 7 lessons, which are:

1. Are You Up To The Challenge?
2. Finding The Keys That Unlock The Mystery.
3. A Closer Look At The Background & Time Frame of Revelation.
4. A Closer Look At The Style of Revelation.
5. A Closer Look At the Audience [1]
6. A Closer Look At the Audience [2]
7. A Closer Look At the Audience [3]



### Cena del Señor - Judaize

In February & March report I informed of the new book - **“The Lord’s Supper - A Study Guide for all Christians”** - that is available on my site web (<http://www.elancladelevangelio.org/new/index.php/cena-del-senor>). Up to now it has been accessed 207 times.



In Chapter 10 of this book, it is the following:

**“The Jewish Method of counting time (from sunset to sunset) is the one we are to use.”** This argument says that one is actually communing on Monday if he partakes on Sunday evening after 6 p.m. (sunset). It is true that the law of Moses counted time from evening to evening, Lev. 23:32. Surely it is unnecessary to point out that we are not bound to the law of Moses, 2 Cor. 3:6-16; Col. 2:14-17. Unless the new testament binds the Jewish method of time reckoning, we are not bound to it. However, the scriptures show that the Roman method (midnight to midnight) was used much of the time by new testament writers.

It is now an emerging trend among some brothers and Churches of Christ to Judaize, in other words that us as Christians follow the customs of the Jews (cfr. Gal. 2:14), and what is being promoted and taught is that we can celebrate the Lord’s Supper on Saturday

night, because according to the Jewish method of counting time, will be the first day of the week. Proposal and quite attractive teaching to some ones.

There is not much material available about (in Spanish), these last few weeks have been working to address this topic, especially regarding the celebration of the Lord’s Supper on Saturday night,

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what biblical authority we have for this?

I hope to finish it soon and make it available on my website. We run the risk of being reprimanded by God, as was Peter by Paul for trying to Judaize to the Galatians (cfr. Gal. 2:11), because it is not walk uprightly according to the truth of the gospel.

### **Visit in June from USA**

As informed in the last report, 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 my February & March report informed that by June 27-29 brother Carlos Julio Ramirez is organizing the Camp: Parents School. Brother Wayne Galloway and his wife Phyllis from Stanford (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).

### **Plans For Mexico in August**

Last year on my trip to Chile, I had the opportunity to meet the brother Elver Espinosa of Mexico. We have continued contact since then and now I'm planning a preaching trip to Mexico (Chiapas) in the month of August. I will be reporting as they go about this plan of visiting and preaching among the brothers in this part of Mexico.

### **Manizales**

We continue on with the Lord's work here in town and our regular meetings for edification and worship to our God.

Thanks again to all of you for your prayers and support. God bless you.

Your brother and servant in Christ, Jaime Restrepo M.