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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ;

Once again by the goodness of God, I can write and share this report with all of you. Thank you very much for your prayers in my favor and my family, and that the Almighty God accompany each of your lives, and growing in the grace and knowledge of our God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Preaching Trip to México



Since my previous report, I had been reporting travel plans to Mexico, especially in Chiapas. God has allowed me to this plan was effected without any mishap. Then I give the details of this trip.

- **Tuesday** (August 18) - On Monday 17 I came from the city of Pereira (Colombia), to arrive the next day at Tuxtla Gutierrez in Chiapas, where brother Elver Espinosa was waiting for me in the company of the brothers Javier Enrique Hernandez and Aldo Guzman, then moving overland to the city of San Cristobal de las Casas (approximately 2 hours). Due to some mishaps outside us we were arriving in the afternoon to the city.
- **Thursday – Sunday** (August 20-23) - We moved overland to the city of Palenque (5 hours) where we would start this day with our series of preaching at the local Church of Christ which meets in the city of Palenque. The Delfino Urbina brother is who during the past several years has been working with this congregation. During each night's meeting we

had a very good attendance of both visitors and members of other religious groups, for that we had the meetings outside the meeting place in order to have more space for all the people who attended the series of sermons.



After our first meeting we were invited that night by one of the assistants to the restaurant of her property, where we study the word of God with her daughter and her daughter's boyfriend, who were interested in being baptized. After a period of study and consideration they took the decision to be baptized, and almost at midnight were buried in water for the forgiveness of their sins.





- **Friday** (August 22) - In the morning hours we traveled to the town of Emilio Barrasa, a couple of hours from Palenque, to meet with a small group of Christians in the rural sector. It was very gratifying to see the interest of many to hear the word of God. The lesson that I presented was on “How The Ephesians were saved by Grace?”



After the study was at about noon, 3 of those who were visited expressed their desire to be baptized for the forgiveness of their sins, and immediately proceeded to fulfill with their will, and now they part of God's people. All glory to our God.





Friday night, Saturday, and Sunday morning, we continued our series of lessons, and Sunday afternoon, we began our return to the city of San Cristobal where we would start on Monday a series of sermons in this place .

- **Monday - Sunday** (August 24-30) - They were seven days of incredible preaching. For me it was very pleasing to see that every night the meeting place was bursting by the number of attendees, more than 100 in each of them, the place was always packed and still we had people outside the meeting place listening to the lessons presented .

Brethren in Christ from different places in Chiapas traveled in order to attend meetings, some of them had the desire to know personally, for years they have been receiving biblical material that I have written and has been distributed through Brother Wayne Partain.



It was an honor to meet the brother Luis Rangel, initially as Christian was associated with institutionalism in Mexico, but after realizing the alien to biblical authority of this type of practice, and abandoned that completely. Now he works with the Church of Christ in San Cristobal and other places around. Every night was present and was very pleased to see that in each of them, always appeared with different printed book, to inform me that he had downloaded from my website and now part of his personal library, and to manifest their gratitude for the help that he has received with all the material that is available on my website (www.elancladelevangelio.org).



During the week I received a very special phone call of one brother named Armando (can not remember his name). But his words touched my heart deep. After talking with him, my eyes filled with tears as hear him say that his knowledge of Scripture was not very deep, but someone (not remember who), some time ago had given her a Compact Disc (CD) with a series of audios of Jaime Restrepo, and he had used that tool to preach the gospel, and that thanks to that 7 people had been baptized for the forgiveness of their sins. My heart raced at those words, and I could only thank God for allowing me to know the extent to which much of what we have done in the past, is being used by others to bring the gospel of salvation to the lost. This brother could not come to San Cristobal, but brother Elver Espinosa could get me the photo that I share now so that you may know this brother Armando.



The brothers in San Cristobal (San Ramon) had asked me before traveling to present a series of lessons on the Godhead, Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, and above all the Divinity of the Holy Spirit, which did so. Also along with this series of topics I presented a series of lessons about Christ's suffering before his death, and a special lesson on Ellipsis. The expression of thanks from all members to the studies presented was pleasant, and the manifestation of many as to how they had been built throughout the week, has been something that has left me with the satisfaction of accomplishment.

I can not mention them all (because I do not remember their names) but dear brothers your love and hospitality toward this servant has been such that I have no words to tell you how much I appreciate your expression of affection and love for me, I can only say, GOD BLESS YOU TODAY AND FOREVER. Can He allow me to be among you again for years to come and live Mexico!

- **Monday** (August 31) - Again accompanied by brother Elver Espinosa, Enrique Javier Hernandez, his wife Claudia and son traveled to Tuxtla Gutierrez for the flight that would bring me back to Colombia, where I arrived the next day. Thank you dear friends for their hospitality and fraternity, and with the desire to be back to share with you as brothers in Christ.



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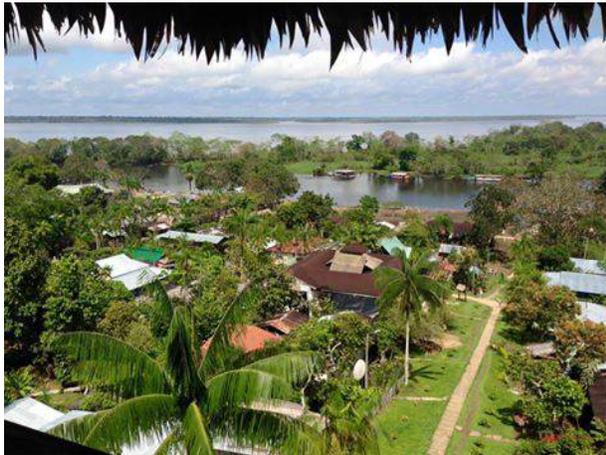
Our work of evangelization continues on. We have implemented several areas of work, especially to be able to evangelize the largest number of people, that's why on Sunday we are taking the gospel to more than 300 people in the afternoon, and we're already beginning to see the answer to this effort by those who have carried the gospel.



The door to door has become increasingly difficult. Most people are not as receptive as it was in the past, so we wanted to make a change in our strategy in order to reach them with the gospel. My efforts in recent days has focused on learning to become fishers of men according to the invitation of our Lord in Matthew 4:19. My desire is to involve as many members of the church in this work, so we can reach the lost souls who badly need the power of God for salvation (Rom. 1:16). In my next report I will give more details. Meanwhile, we are beginning to see the results of this endeavor in which are participating a number of brothers.

Preaching Trip to Amazonas

A yearning for long ago had been able to visit this part of the country. Now, thanks to the goodness of God, I will be in the Amazon (Leticia) preaching the gospel for nearly a week. From September 23 to 28 (Wednesday - Sunday), I will be with Brother Oscar Andrés Arias, visiting Christians in this remote part of Colombia, just I hope that no piranha devour me in the Amazon River, or any Anaconda stands in the way so as not to have to fight with her.



Dear brothers, thank you very much for your prayers and support in this work in the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. I hope to have good news to share with you on my return from the jungles of the Amazon.

Your brother and servant in Christ Jesus, Jaime R.