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July 2021 – Prayer Letter

Dear Beloved Brethren and Co-Laborers,

As always, we cannot over state this, we thank and we will keep on thanking our Eternal God, Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for sending us on this glorious mission. It is truly a joy as we do His will even in difficult times. We pray that His Holy Spirit will keep on guiding us in the right path of righteousness and to be obedient and faithful until the end. We understand that we are living in difficult times and we do immensely thank you for your support, prayers and we praise the Lord for your faithfulness.

As we keep on pressing on this glorious journey, **the restrictions for the month of July has gotten much stricter. Due to our license plate, every week it changes, the first week we couldn't go out on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays; the second week Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays; the third week as the first and the fourth week as the second. It is obligatory to wear a mask when you enter a public space.**

As we press on, please pray and continue to pray for the following prayer request:

PRAYERS

1. Continue praying for our Bible Studies on Fridays and Preaching on Sundays virtually.
2. Our health in order to work in His vineyard. **As I mentioned previously, It is going to be a long process for my recuperation before I can resume (full blast) to my normal activities.** With all these setbacks, I am asking the Lord to give me physical strength to keep doing His work according to His will because He is in control of my health and my life; what the Lord started, He will fulfill it and keep His promises as long we are faithful to Him to the end – Philippians 1: 6. Thank you for your prayers, it means a lot to us. Continue praying for my wife as well as for physical strength. **We had our general physical health exams, praise the Lord, nothing serious nor to be alarmed for now; but on my part they found that my PSA was high as well as my Triglycerides. Pray for my Colonoscopy procedure which will be done on August 31st, 2021; along that line I was diagnosed with Diverticulitis when I was in the hospital of which the doctors will take care of when my Colonoscopy is done.**
3. Place for the ministry – **We are still working in getting drawings and all the documents necessary from the Association (the owner of the space is making things very difficult and complicated) & the Federal College of Engineers and Architects. We had to use another architect because the previous one elected not to continue with the project and because of that, it sets us back in getting the approval from the Ministry of Health and the Corps of Firemen. Once that issue is settled, we can move forward submitting the application to the Ministry of Health, the Corps of Firemen for their approval.**
4. Pray about the COVID – 19, it keeps on increasing and has surpassed **406,814 cases with 5,030 deaths.**
5. Pray regarding the assembly of churches, the Ministry of Health has not given the full 100% to start because of the continuing increase of COVID – 19 cases. Some Churches have started to congregate, the allowable occupancy is still at 50% due to the COVID restrictions.
6. **Pray about frequent continuing earthquakes all around the country. We had one in our area which measured 5.9 on the Richter scale.**

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7. **Driver's license** – Continue praying regarding this issue, please! After four months trying to schedule an appointment with COSEVI (which is like DMV in the State), I got one; I submitted everything per their requirements and after they reviewed it they told me that I needed to have a certified letter from the Department of Motor Vehicle and it has to be Apostilled to verify and confirm that it is me on that license which expires on January 2029. Another thing which baffles me is that they told me that the date of my last entry in Costa Rica which was January 8, 2020 does not coincide with the issuance date on my driver's license which is August 22, 2020; that doesn't make any sense at all. At this point, I am trying to figure this out so I can drive legally here in CR. They are making things very complicated here even their own people, the Ticos, are saying the same thing.

Support Level

Our support went up to 84%. We pray and trusting in the Lord that it will go up by the time we start the ministry.

Safety with Travels

Protection on the road and the COVID – 19. **We need to have eight eyes (a manner of speaking) to drive here due to all the motorcycles and bicycles that are on the road, it is very easy to have an accident if we are not careful.**

Schedule of Meetings

It will be a blessing if we can have meetings via the internet, with the Lord nothing is impossible.

Softness of Attitude

To stay close to God and focus on Him and the mission that is set before us, not on our circumstances because it very easy to get discourage at times.

PRAISES

1. **Praise the Lord that I am slowly recuperating with no major issues. The Lord is good!**
2. **Praise the Lord that our support went up 2%.**
3. Praise the Lord for Bible Baptist Church of Calle Blancos where Pastor Sergio Matarrita ministers at. Pastor Sergio is the host of the pastor's fellowship that we have every Tuesday and Friday and he is willing to help us in every way possible with our ministry once we start. Pastor Sergio has been a blessing to us during these trying times.
4. Praise the Lord for the ladies and the pastor's fellowship, supporting and praying for us as well during this time.

Beloved Brethren, may the love of the Almighty God, the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you All. Amen!

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