

Dear Prayer Partners, Friends, and Loved Ones,

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Judy and coconuts in front of our cabin



Carlos who had just accepted Christ



Large Costa Rican church where God blessed in a tremendous way



Our dear brother in ministry Rigo



**On our way to preach in
Liberia, Costa Rica in 98
degree heat.**

The story of the trip we returned from last night is best described by this verse. "He who goes forth bearing seed and weeping shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him".
Psalms 126:6

We preached 6 times in 6 cities in 6 days in the Northwest of Costa Rica during their hottest season (98 degrees plus) in Churches that do not have air conditioning. That is not important. What is important is that God blessed increasingly, as we progressed on our trip.

Our message is and will continue to be:

- **Love** Christ with all your heart; live in obedience and holiness before Him;
- **Allow** God to use you to win many to Christ; and
- **Understand** that in these last days, God wants to send a great awakening or revival.

Now that the "almighty dollar" is losing its value, many are finally looking to our All Mighty, Heavenly Father, for purpose of life.

SOME OF THE BLESSINGS OF THIS TRIP:

The invitation in a large church lasted more than an hour and the pastor and his wife were among those who, in brokenness, and openly expressed their desire for "a passion to love Christ more". Their desire is to win their city to Christ. Sunday afternoon, this large church went out knocking on every door in a small nearby town where there is no church, witnessing and telling everyone about Christ's love.

God has begun something great in a Costa Rican businessman, who is in his early thirties. We have known him all his life and love him dearly. He has always been very active in his church and has lived an exemplary Christian life. The difference now, is, that two weeks ago, in his quiet time in God's Word, the Lord convicted him of his lack of true love for Christ. Javier Esteban is now a *different* young man. His love for Christ *is very evident* and God is using him mightily. Much of his time is spent in prayer and fasting. His three employees have taken up the slack in his business and God continues to bless him financially. My hope and prayer is that Javier Esteban will be another "Lanphere" (a 33 year-old New Yorker, who God used to bring revival to America in 1858, where more than 1,000,000 accepted Christ).

On Monday morning after a pastor's conference in San Jose, two men came up to me to tell me how God had blessed them through the ministry of our "Upper Room". One pastor told me his wife accepted

the Lord with me , when she was 15-years old. Another pastor in his eighties, who is blind, told me that 38 years ago, he also accepted the Lord with me and has been a pastor for more than 30 years. Now you see another example of why "going out with weeping results in great blessing and rejoicing"!

Let me tell you a "recent, & local" story about Charles and Judy. For years, for financial reasons, we have bought used tires. Three weeks ago, we went into the Discount Tire Store in Santee, and the Manager looked at our tires and said " it is dangerous for you to drive on the freeway". To purchase 4 of their cheapest tires would have cost us \$360. He did not know that we only had \$87, but he said he would make us a "special deal", and "give us the tires for \$280" which is below their employee price. I went out to the car to call one of our sons to see if we could use his credit card, but he was not available. While sitting in the car and pondering our situation, the Manager walked out and said "give me your keys; we are going to give you the tires free". He did not know anything about us, but God did! Judy said she has never in her life loved tires, but she does now, because they are a gift from God. We both wept in front of this dear man. The sales invoice has a line on it that says: "a needy couple... just trying to do the right thing". HOW GREAT IS OUR LORD to direct our path straight to that dear manager!

When revival comes to Latin America, it will definitely affect the United States. Here is how. When God in His glory comes over a city, and then a nation, His power and His presence spreads like wild fire. The American revival of 1858, mentioned above, spread to Great Britain,

where more than a million also came to Christ. That revival spread throughout the world as a result of **one man** praying for God's presence, then 4 more joined him, and within 6 months more than 10,000 men and women, every day from 12-1, were crying out to God to visit and bless America. The message of God reviving a nation is not necessarily a popular one, but there are those who desire for God to bless their country and are willing to pay the price until He does.

In 8 days, we are to leave for a two-week (or more) trip to Guatemala, the country where the only revival in Latin America occurred (1932). For more than a year, all over Guatemala we have been preaching and teaching pastors (more than a 1,000) about how God sent revival to their country more than 75 years ago! The pastors of churches in cities, towns and villages all over Guatemala have invited to us to return to their country, to exhort and encourage Christians to begin to pray for revival and to seek God's presence. When revival begins in any country in the Americas it will spread North to Alaska and South to the Magellan straits of South America!

Many plans have been made in Guatemala by our pastor friends for our trip next Thursday, April 9th, (scheduling, logistics, etc). They have scheduled me to speak throughout the northern part of Guatemala and we expect to be there until revival comes or God leads us home. As of today we only have \$11 in our ministries checking account and we have not made any airplane reservations.

PRAYER:

Tomorrow night is the latest that I can tell our brothers in Guatemala **if** we will be able financially to make the trip. Please pray that God will lead some to write or call us in the next 24 hours and let us know God is leading them to be part of making this trip possible.

Thank you for your prayers and your support.

To God be the glory for what HE is doing and what He is going to do.

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