

November 6, 2004

Dear Brethren,

The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked. (Proverbs 10:11)

Hello from rainy Panama! Solomon's proverb gives us a contrast, which can be seen today. May our words offer eternal life, not violence and death. What a great need there is to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. I hope that you are being blessed in your efforts to preach the Gospel.

The month of October was a busy month of discipleship, finishing up remodeling in the jail, a leadership seminar, and a conference.

What a blessing it has been discipling Bro. Alex Gordon and Bro. Luis Castillo. I was even asked by the leader of the Gatún congregation if I would disciple him. I see the Lord's hand in all this and ask that you pray that these men will continue to grow as leaders and that I can give them the foundations to develop effective ministries.

On October 16th, I was able to train twelve leaders from the Veraguas Province in the town of Santiago. We focused on the ministry skills of evangelism and immediate follow-up. These all day seminars seem to be a blessing to these men. I have been asked to continue the training seminar on December 4th.

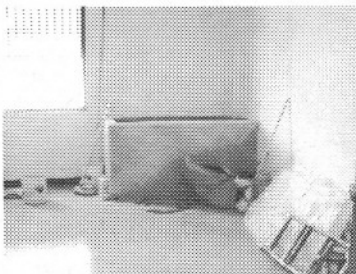
On October 17th, I went with Brother Cristobal Yañez to visit a new congregation in Dolega, in the Chiriqui Province. I preached and also had a good visit with one of the families.

On October 31st, I was invited to preach for the 22nd anniversary of one of the few truly Independent Baptist churches here in Panama (Iglesia Bautista Emanuel). Pastor Oscar Chavez and church stand out as a missions minded church. They have acquired a similar missions outlook as ours, and the Lord is blessing their work in Rio Indio.

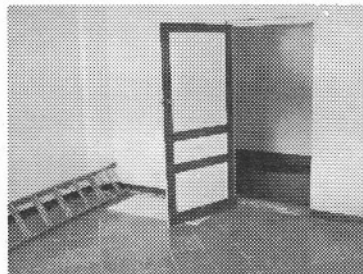
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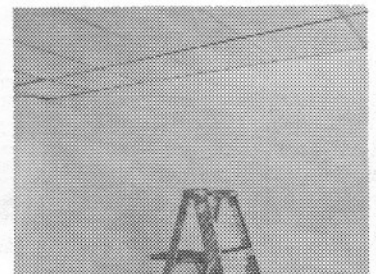
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