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Dear Brothers and Sisters, it is my desire and prayers that our almighty God continue to bless you abundantly. I would like to give a brief report about what is happening with the Latino ministry at University Heights. God has been so merciful and kind with our efforts that words could never express accurately.

As I already mentioned to you all, we are trying to train our new members and in order to equip them to serve in the congregation, all men of the congregation are ready and willing to serve at the Lord's table, some of them are leading prayers, and reading in public. Our goal is to train as many as we can.

As a result of that effort we now have brothers that can teach a class, translate from the English into Spanish and are leading the Lord Supper; among them we have brother Pedro Del Toro, he and his entire family of 10 people are attending the church regularly, and inviting more people to come to church. My son Daniel is teaching often the class to kids of his age and younger. His help is valuable because most of our children like him are bilingual and bicultural.

Last month we had a baptism of our brother Cesar Michael Rodriguez. He is a native from Cuba who several years ago became an American citizen. He was visiting the congregation many weeks before becoming a child of God, and now helps in translation. Please keep him in your prayers, not only for his new life in Christ, but because he is fighting lung cancer as well. His last report was very good, but he will need more treatment on March next year.

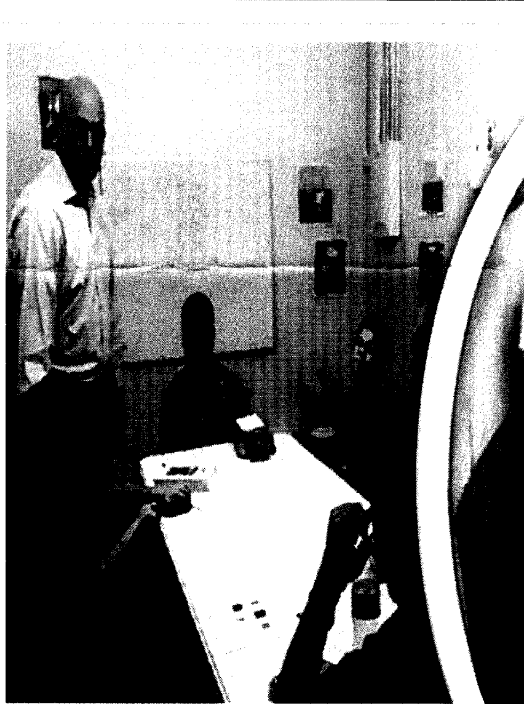
This summer my family and I went to visit our families in Nicaragua. As you already may know Nicaragua is in a lot of unrest and protests since April 18th, as a result of poorly handle wildfire, reform to the social security system and the brutal repression that has cause more than 450 deaths, 2000 plus injured, and many are still missing and hundreds of people have been kidnaped. Several members of our family are suffering and thousands of Christian as well. Two of our nephews helping the injured people had to leave their home country because their lives were threatened. Now they are applying for asylum here in USA. My father in law was diagnosed with thyroid cancer he had a surgery but with the unrest is hard for him to travel to receive the treatment he is needing. God is with the family and despite the difficulties, he is doing fairly well. My wife's grandmother passed away last week, my sisters is been bullied and my mother as well for their opposition to the Nicaraguan government.

We need your prayers in this time of tribulation. We don't know the end results of all of this difficult time, but one thing we know: God is good all the time, "The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit." As we often repeat in our family devotionals: "If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord, it is well with my soul."

I need to say a special word of gratitude to you all dear elders, deacons, servants of the Lord, for your prayers, that are our source of strength and confidence. And for your financial aid that allows us to serve. You all are in my prayers and my thoughts.

Sincerely Yours

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Thank you making
this Ministry possible.

