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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

It is my desire and prayers that our almighty God continues to bless you abundantly. I would like to give you an update about what is happening in the Latino ministry at University Heights. God is been so merciful and kind with our efforts that words can never express them accurately, but I will do my best.

It has been almost four years since the inception of our bilingual services. We are in a new phase of the ministry, spending much of our effort in maturing the Christian that we already have.

We have had fifty-one (51) baptisms. The first one was in May 2013, and we are on the verge of two more, one of them a very special person to me. My own son Daniel. We strive to give everyone the best sound biblical instruction, and think the future of any congregation is to prepare these men and woman. I believe we have several couple who are committed to serve the Lord and willing to learn more about the Bible.

Conversely, due to the political circumstances, elections and the new relationship between the US government and Cuba regime, less Cubans are coming to Bowling Green, this means less new contacts to study with, but this also gives us the time to focus on the members, we are confidence that God is in control of everything and it seems to be appropriate to focus on having Latin elders and deacons. This is our ultimate goal, but it will probably take several more years.

The congregation still have the potential to growth, but maybe not in the same pace. That is simply because we already won the 40 percent of the Cuban population. Several families have moved to Florida, but this is the way with American Freedom. It gives people new opportunities, new jobs, and new beginnings. We are confident that they have included Jesus and His gospel in their luggage, and are connected to the Church wherever they are.

I believe that we will continue to grow, but we need your support, both financially and spiritually. Thank you for your invaluable help. May God bless you and Keep you.

Sincerely Yours Luis Betanco_







