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Dear Friends,

We trust you are well as the Covid-19 pandemic continues all around the world. The racial unrest, natural disasters, economic and international tensions or the politics/national election in the U.S., can make us feel uneasy. It's hard to do normal things like: travel, attend church, go to school, go out to eat, take a walk, or just mail a letter! It takes 30-60 days to get mail from the U.S. *here*, or to get our mail delivered *there*. Prov. 25:25 says: *"Like cold water to a weary soul, so is good news from a distant land."* It seems like we are in *"a distant land"* even more now, any *"news"* arrives *very* late. It frustrates the official things that we can't do by email but which still must be done by regular mail (our tax return, Social Security payments or bank deposits;). So it is **really** *"good news"* when we can confirm that such items have safely arrived to the IRS or the bank in the U.S. May God help us all to not be fearful or frustrated by any pandemic or other circumstances!

Puebla del Río Church ministry. All summer we've had in-presence services (with facemasks, hand-sanitizer, and minimum distance). Sunday church averaged 10-18 people, Thurs. prayer meeting from 3-7 people. We videotaped church sermons to put on You Tube in May & June, but we stopped in July. Now we put the audio on the church Whatsapp group, so those who don't attend can listen to it. In July the teenage daughter of one of Salud's nieces who attends our church asked to study about Jesus. After the 1st lesson she trusted in Christ with me. She has finished a 6 lesson course now. *Pray for 16 yr. old Loida to grow in her new faith in Christ.* Aug. 19th I finished the 15-week discipleship course with 3 believers that we started in Feb. (but was suspended for 3 months during the lockdown). *Pray that Alfonso, Cristina and Jonay will practice what they learned.* As the Covid-19 virus has spread so much in Spain during August, more restrictions and lockdowns have started again in parts of Spain. It is possible that we will be in lockdown later this fall, which would complicate anew the church's activities. Some have heard we also had an outbreak of the West Nile virus in August in Coria del Río, Puebla and towns near Seville. Over 50 people are infected and 3 died, but we are still safe through it all. We know that our lives are in God's care. *Please pray for the Puebla church to stay faithful to the Jesus during the complicated "new normal" we have to live with.*

Other ministry. On Sept. 29th I should start *teaching an online Master's level class at the Seminary* on the History of Christianity in Spain until mid-November. I'll still go to the Seminary on Tuesdays and the IT worker will set me up online with students. I'm not thrilled teaching this way versus teaching in person, but it is what it is. My book explaining cessationism is now in phase 3! The publisher sent me the typesetting/layout proofs to review Aug. 31st. I have to finish and get them back before the end of Sept. We plan to do a Spanish 2nd edition with the same cover and layout as the English one. So if all goes well, the book will be released in both English and Spanish at the same time! Due to a backlog at the printer, the publisher says it may not be until November, but that is still before Christmas! We will keep you all updated on that as soon as we know. *Thanks for praying for it!*



Family news. After being canceled due to the Covid-19 virus; and rescheduled, finally on July 18th, the graduation ceremony from the Univ. of Granada was held and *Elisabeth* received her degree as an Elementary School Special Education teacher! *Salud* and I were able to be there. We are very proud of her and all the hard work she has done these past 4 yrs.! After that Salud and I were even able to get 4 days of vacation time at the beach on the Mediterranean coast of Granada (we had never been to that part of Andalucía, called the "Costa Tropical"). *Jonathan and Irene* came to visit in July for a week and then in Aug. for another week as the hospital required him to divide his vacation time. He is now a 2nd yr. resident oncologist at the hospital in Jaén. We had some great family times together with them and Elisabeth! Those are really very special blessings and memories for which we thank the Lord Jesus!

Thank you again for praying for us, supporting us, and encouraging us. *We appreciate you* and pray that God keeps you safe & encouraged with much *"good news," & blessings from Jesus!*

In Jesus' love and service,

*Frank, Salud, Jonathan,
Irene, and Elisabeth*

