

ESPERANZA ETERNA

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Mission-Ministry Newsletter

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MID-YEAR UPDATE

Since we have moved past the halfway point of 2012, it seems fitting to reflect upon the first half of the year and consider the ways in which God is continuing to use us in his cause. While this update describes past activities, it is also natural to think about future opportunities that are unfolding.

We seek to use the gifts and opportunities God gives in creative, thoughtful, and committed ways to accomplish his will and to advance his Kingdom. Our activities fall into two categories—missions and ministry.

MISSIONS

First, I continue to present leadership development and teacher training seminars with a strong focus on the word of God.

- In the first six months of 2012, I spent 91 days preaching, teaching, and presenting seminars (including travel days). In addition to seminars and preaching in five U.S. congregations, I made five extended international trips (to Guatemala, Chile, Uruguay, and Honduras).
- I have a less intense schedule for the rest of the year as I have found that an overly ambitious travel schedule stretches my energy and provides too little time for the research and writing projects that are essential to developing seminars that meet the needs of the churches I visit. [Another factor is that I have made commitments in the local church that will require a more regular presence stateside.]
- My goal is to average one preaching-teaching trip per month with 10-14 days of seminars and presentations.

Second, I am committed to a stronger program of evangelistic equipping for Latin America churches. As in the U.S., a great need exists for tools that can help the average member share the gospel of Christ and bring souls to Jesus.

- I continue work on the 8-lesson Bible study series. We now have 5 of the 8 lessons translated.
- I am also planning and writing two more lessons that are important for meeting the needs of the churches in Latin America—a lesson on the Holy Spirit and a lesson on “last things” or the end of time.

Third, I continue my work as chair of the board of directors for Association Amicus (Baxter Institute and JMA Clinic), along with serving on various committees.

MINISTRY

→An important part of my work in ministry and missions involves the continued maintenance of the website to provide ministry and mission resources.

- I am writing a new series of devotional thoughts focused on the Psalms
- I am developing a series of devotionals and lessons focused on “a word for the week”
- As I find time available, I write more articles and continue research on a number of topics

→We are committed to being involved, serving members at Park Plaza. This involvement include teaching (both English and Spanish), helping with missions, and local evangelism.

→Finally, I continue to assist various U.S. churches through seminars, interim ministry, workshops, special series, and Missions Emphasis Sundays.

Que Dios le bendiga (may God bless you),

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