

God's Abundant Blessings!

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Dear Praying Friends,

During these past eight months, I have experienced Ephesians 3:20,21, which affirms-- "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

My December letter described the "Abundant blessings" during the 2½ months in Guadalajara, Mexico. On January 1, after flying to San Salvador, I began meeting with a large group of pastors to encourage them in their ministry and introduce the Home-Bible Study program using the book "Becoming a True Christian." I traveled by bus for eight to sixteen hours, going from one Central American country to another.

That was not disturbing to me, but I was shocked to find that not one pastor or member in their churches had ever had a home Bible study for more than one time with the unsaved people in their homes or elsewhere. That was distressing! Yes, most of the pastors were discouraged, but God gave me a ministry of encouraging and helping to lift them up. When did I ask them why not? Their response was always the same, "We were never taught." To each, I presented the Biblical method of evangelism given in Acts 5:42, "And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." This concept was entirely new for them.

In each country of Central America and Panama, there were from 9 to 20 churches uniting their funds to be able to pay for the printing of at least 1,000 books of *Becoming a True Christian* = *Llegando a Ser Un Verdadero Cristiano* for each country. Praise the Lord! Through the donations given by many of you, the Becoming a Christian Organization, furnished the funds for the printing of the other 1,000 books for the churches in each country. That means that 12,650 books were able to be printed in those countries. What a blessing! I am receiving letters from many pastors and individuals expressing their gratitude for the effectiveness and the impact that the book is having on their ministry.

Besides counseling personally with many individual pastors, the Lord made it possible for me to preach 118 times in 215 days. In addition to hundreds getting their lives right with the Lord due to preaching God's Word, I also had the opportunity to lead two young ladies to the Lord for salvation.

During those 7½ months, it was not all work. A family with whom I was staying in Nicaragua took me to enjoy a day at the beach. That was fun and a very relaxing time to get out in the Pacific Ocean and swim for a while. In several countries, they took me sightseeing for a couple of days. I also had a delightful four days of vacation visiting with Paul and Ruth, my brother and his wife in Antigua, Guatemala.

As the Lord wills, I will be in the U.S. for three months, visiting my children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. On June 10, I will be receiving my spiritual son and wife, Jonathan and Lily Canul, in Atlanta to travel to North Carolina, where we will be preaching in a Spanish church. The following Sunday, again, we will both preach in the Primera Iglesia Bautista Hispana, which I began in Indianapolis and was the pastor between 1971-1979. Jonathan is the pastor of a mission church in Tala, Mexico, where he is doing a great job. We will then return to Palm Harbor, where we will enjoy a few days together before their return to Mexico.

In September, I plan to return to Mexico for one month, and then I will be preaching, teaching, and encouraging pastors in Uruguay during October. Then I will travel to Argentina for six weeks, then to Chile for another six weeks. I'll be in Peru for February and then in Bolivia for March. April should take me to Paraguay and May on to Ecuador. The current plan is to print the book, *Becoming a True Christian* in every country in South America. Please pray that it will become a reality.

Please travel with me on your knees, for I need much prayer and please pray for many discouraged pastors that I will be contacting and encouraging. Thank you for your continued financial and prayer support. Thank you for caring, sharing, and praying as you show your love. I pray for you and appreciate you very much.

Your friend and fellow servant,

Pastor Philippi

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