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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

The apostle Paul, in II Tim. 2:2, told Timothy, "The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." NASB.

We strive to put this concept of teaching/making disciples in practice in our ministry and we trust all of you are also following Paul's admonition.

We continue to be involved with the Villa Marta group in eastern Panama City. We are being flexible with our time together on Sundays due to the work schedule of Israel Miranda, one of the group's elders. Israel drives a bus in the Panama City area and usually works on Sunday mornings. As a result we have changed our time together each week to Sunday afternoon, so he can be involved on a regular basis. Israel, Alonso Mendoza and I take turns teaching during those Sunday afternoon meetings. As we have mentioned, in our past prayer letters, the elder who is teaching the following Sunday, has the responsibility to send the homework he has prepared for his teaching to the group, early in the week via Whatsapp, so everyone in the group has time to do his or her own homework. We continue to be pleased with the initiative and preparation of the group with regard to completing the homework and then sharing what they have learned during the week. We are presently teaching on the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit. Israel, Alonso and I are meeting together on a regular basis, for planning, as well as to prepare ourselves for the teaching of the passages we have collectively chosen.

I have a weekly time of Bible study and discipleship with Roger Toval. Roger, as a security guard, works all night and gets off work at 6:00A.M.. I meet him at 7:00A.M., each Wednesday at a local restaurant, we have a light breakfast together and then study for about an hour and 15 minutes. We are presently studying the book of Galatians. We have studied this way together for about 10 years. I will be continuing this ministry with Roger, as well as with the ministry I have with Israel and Alonso, to help them continue to prepare themselves for future ministry.

We are planning to start a Bible study here in our home with people from this neighborhood, people who in the past have shown some interest in studying the Bible. We are planning to start this ministry in October. The idea for this Bible study is to help people be able to study the Bible on their own. We have contact with other people from other neighborhoods that could also attend. Many of those interested in studying the Bible are unbelievers. This type of Bible study lends itself for evangelism and discipleship. We would like to involve some mature believers in the teaching of this group so as to give them the opportunity to get some experience in this type of ministry.

We are in the process of downsizing our belongings for our eventual return to the States within the next couple of years. Lina and I are both in our late 70's and time marches on. We are trying to finish some of the ministries we have had in the past and we have resigned from our responsibilities with the National Church Association. We are proceeding in this manner to be able to focus on the above mentioned ministries for the next couple years. When we return to the States we plan to continue in ministry as the Lord would lead.

We would greatly appreciate your prayers for this time of transition in our ministry and lives.

We again want to thank all of you who have supported us and the ministry we share with you in Panama for the past 48 years. Thanks again and our prayers are for your continued blessings from the Lord Jesus.

Love in Christ,
Bob & Lina

