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Hear the word of the LORD,
O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off... Jer. 31:10

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Dear praying friends and supporting churches,

We have been through some trying times in the Florida aspect of our ministry, but the Lord as always has proved Himself faithful. During my trip to Cuba in February, the Cuban pastor we had been assisting in his church planting efforts in Hialeah closed down the church without notice. Shortly after, his wife informed us that he asked her for a divorce, so there were some things going on that we were not aware of that caught us by surprise. Most of those who had been attending are now in a Spanish-speaking Baptist church in the same town.

After this unexpected development, we looked into helping a small storefront church and also a new church plant near where we live, but we could not commit when in both cases we became aware of serious doctrinal differences.

Through all of this, the Lord has led us to First Baptist Church of Westwood Lake, an independent Baptist church pastored by Marc Mortensen. We had already been attending over the last year when the services did not conflict with the new church plant in Hialeah. They have a Spanish ministry with a significant percentage of Cubans. The Spanish pastor is Cuban, and the senior pastor has been on a missions trip to Cuba in the recent past. One interesting irony is that a Cuban preacher who came to one of my training sessions in Cuba about 10 years ago has since immigrated to Florida and serves the Lord in this church. We already started helping with follow-up on decisions at an Amazing Grace booth at a Miami fair the church was heavily involved in. We will continue to consider other future ministry opportunities on the Florida side, such as the case of a preacher I met with recently who hopes to move to the Miami area to start a bilingual church next year.

On March 25 I leave for a 3-week trip for Cuba, my longest one so far. My whole family will travel with me for the first five days during their Spring Break from school. We are bringing a large amount of donated items, as with all of us traveling we are entitled to bring up to 12 suitcases. We have arranged to visit a children's home near Havana in which many of the children attend a church where I preached last year that at one time met under a tarp. We have prepared a bag of gifts for each child, which includes a pocket New Testament. After my family returns to Florida, I will be speaking in several churches in Cuba, dealing with more printing, and helping with a conference that is attended by many preachers. I will also be meeting with a couple that is interested in enrolling in the Bible college my brother is involved with in Argentina, if the Cuban government were to allow this couple to leave the country.

Thank you for your prayers and support. *The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.* James 5:16

For souls,
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