



# IGLESIA DE CRISTO *En Santiago*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE WORK OF PABLO AND  
KRISTEN HORNA IN SANTIAGO, PANAMA.

## *Greetings.*

Dear brethren, I hope and pray you all are doing well. May the richest blessings from our awesome God be bestowed upon each of you. Greetings from Santiago, Panama.

## *Life.*

Kristen and I are grateful for having the chance to serve God and our brethren in Santiago. Thanks for loving the Lord and his church. Four months have passed since we moved to this city, but it seems like more time. Samuel is growing strong. He is now a toddler in all the sense of the word—he keeps us quite busy and tired. In another hand, on April 20 I had surgery. I was diagnosed with “severe dysplasia” on the right side of my tongue. Thank God, a biopsy ran before the procedure confirmed it is benign. The surgery was successful; the doctor removed the bad tissue from my tongue and is now running another biopsy to make sure everything is fine. So far I have had a fast recovery—I was able to teach Bible class yesterday with no pain. God is always good.

## *Work.*

**Santiago church of Christ.** The men of the congregation and I continue to do our best to advance in everything. There is a lot of work to do both physically and spiritually. We have been organizing ourselves into groups of work to cover more ground.



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## *Work.*

We are working on visiting and encouraging the brethren and also doing repairs, maintenance, and improvements to the infrastructure of the church building.

We are going to begin a leadership class for the men of the congregation. We will be studying Bible characters who were great leaders and also books like 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus, Bible doctrines, and more related topics. The goal is to equip and encourage the leading men to grow in all areas and to look to establish an eldership in the future. I will be conducting these classes.

Also, we are looking forward to September for our annual event. We will have a leadership seminar for men conducted by Tom Wacaster and also a Teacher's Workshop for ladies taught by April Wacaster and Teah McWhorter. We are planning and organizing every detail in advance to make sure everything will run smoothly. Please pray for these efforts.

I am glad to inform you that Kristen will be teaching the children soon. After several months of being out of service due to motherhood, she is excited to go back to serve in this role which she enjoys so much. I am excited as well because Samuel will have the best teacher ever.

**San Cristobal church of Christ.** As I mentioned in my previous report, I was blessed to know our brethren in San Cristobal Island and to preach a sermon based on Mark 10:45. It was an experience to travel 30 minutes by sea in a small boat to get to the island, but the most interesting part was the return—the sea very choppy.

Some preachers in the boat used to this kind of circumstances decided that the best hymn to sing was “Master the Tempest is Raging.” I am not sure if it was the hymn or because I preached an hour ago, but I was not afraid. Thankfully, we got to the mainland safe and sound. I truly enjoyed knowing and having fellowship with our brethren in San Cristobal.

**La Fortuna church of Christ (Costa Rica).** My dear brother and fellow preacher Heiner Montealto had been battling against several issues in La Fortuna church of Christ (Costa Rica). One of those issues was feminism and church organization. Brother Heiner asked brother Tom Wacaster and me to travel there and speak on these topics to the men and then to the congregation. We spent a weekend studying these topics and encouraging the men to do the right thing—to take the leadership; however, a month after our departure one man, a Diotrephes-like, made sure his will prevail causing a lot of trouble. Nonetheless, the results of the work done, not only by us but also by other preachers that also went to help after us, are there for the Lord to judge. We are grateful that a group of four men with their respective families decided to start another congregation where God's Word is going to be honored in all areas. Please pray for these faithful members of the Lord's church.

**Evangelism and visitation.** We continue working on reaching the lost and also encouraging our brethren. In the past months, we have been visiting some members who have been dealing with family issues. We are grateful for having the chance to help and also to pray for and with them.

## Work.

Also, we have been preaching the gospel to some good contacts. One of them, Alexander, responded favorably to the gospel and obeyed from the heart. We are so thankful for him and encouraged by his faith and commitment. While I was in Costa Rica, he texted me that he wanted to be baptized. The good news made my day but even more his conversion.

Lastly, in May we will be supporting two gospel campaigns that will be taking place in surrounding areas. I am looking forward to being part of these efforts.

**Amridge University.** I am glad to report that I finally graduate from Amridge University. A few weeks ago, I finished all the requirements for the BA in Biblical Studies. Hopefully, in a few months, I will be receiving my diploma. There is more good news. Looking to continue with my biblical education, I applied for the Master of Divinity program at Amridge. I will begin classes on May 8. I am blessed with this opportunity due to The Good Fight of Faith Scholarship. I am thankful to the brethren at Amridge for granting me this blessing. Looking forward to starting my classes.

We are tremendously blessed by your love and care. Thanks for supporting the work of the Santiago church of Christ. Thank you for loving, supporting, and praying for your missionaries. We love you all. May God bless you.

In love,  
Pablo & Kristen, Horna.

## Pictures.



Alexander, our new brother in Christ.



Preaching in San Cristobal Island.



Teaching in Costa Rica with brother Tom Wacaster.



Preaching in Santiago