

October 28, 2025

Dear Brethren,

Starting this Friday, I'll be on the road for three weeks with National Missionaries Alfredo Pech of Mexico and Luis Corrales of Venezuela. Later on in a mission conference, we'll also be joining one of our other missionaries, Allan Delgado, and his family from Costa Rica. We are looking forward to some great meetings and anticipating great things from God's gracious hand. In recent days the Lord has wonderfully blessed our missionaries with not only new monthly support, but also in supplying the funds for much-needed work vehicles on the field. GOD HAS BEEN SO GOOD.

During the days of the Mission Conference at the Bloomingdale Baptist Church of Salt Rock, WV, with Pastor Christ Fulks, there will be a special Mission Dinner where we will enjoy great food and great fellowship with our dear friends of Bloomingdale. In this area of WV where Nancy and I grew up, went to school, met each other, were married, saved, baptized, and sent out to the mission field, we have many supporting churches and many wonderful friends, along with many great memories. There are still many people there that watched me grow up playing baseball, starting at the age of 10. They are amazed on how God took me from the baseball field and put me on the mission field. So, going back home is such a delight to my soul when being around friends and mission-loving churches whom God has used to bless our lives and ministries in such a marvelous way. Many of our national missionaries consider WV to be their second home. On-the-field projects have been done, thousands of dollars have been given, and most important – many of our men are supported by the historic Baptist churches in this area of Appalachia. One particular church, the Mud River Baptist Church of Barboursville, WV, pastored by my beloved friend Simon Morrison, is mother to over 100 churches in the tri-state area of WV-OH-KY, having been founded in 1807. There is an historic family tree of churches just inside the church showing the year they were founded, going back to the early 1800s. It always amazes me to go and preach at a church and later find that it was one of those that was an offspring of the Mud River Baptist Church. What a rich history! Can you imagine the nostalgia one feels when entering the Mud River church and sensing those days of old-fashioned revival and still seeing and feeling the love in the hearts of the people for lost souls and the carrying out of our Lord's Great Commission? We have seen so much faith, love, kindness, generosity, and genuine hospitality displayed through the brethren of our beloved supporting churches in our home state of Almost-Heaven WV. GOD IS SO GOOD.

BLESSING. Instead of having to fly into Bristol, VA and pick up a church van at the Antioch Baptist Church, led by our beloved friend, Dr. Brad Davis, and then drive to WV (3 ½ hours), and later have to return it, the Lord has graciously provided a van for us to use from the Bloomingdale Baptist Church and Pastor Chris Fulks. Praise God for that!!

PASTORS FELLOWSHIP. On our schedule while in the WV, Tri-State area, we plan to take part in a Pastors Fellowship at the Temple Baptist Church of Flatwoods, KY, pastored by Bro. Jim Pridemore. While speaking with Bro. Pridemore over the phone, I learned that we had both studied at Tennessee Temple under the ministry of Dr. Lee Roberson during the same years! Needless to say, we had a great time of reminiscing and are looking forward to reuniting once again at his church for a great time of fellowship. We hope to meet other area pastors as well and maybe pick up some meetings for our April 2026 tour in the same area with three other national missionaries - Bismark Martinez (Costa Rica), Pancho Moreno and Pedro Alfaro (Mexico).

HEWLETT REQUESTS.

- **Plumbing problems.** We have some plumbing concerns, e.g. leak from the pipes under the kitchen sink, bathroom flushing problem (tank sometimes fills, sometimes doesn't), replacing of old leaky fixtures.
- **Air conditioner.** Unit in wall has shifted on its wooden base due to worn conditions, causing the water to leak out inside the wall where the ventilation outlet is located. We have buckets catching the water, then we empty the buckets for refilling. This is while the AC is running. When it isn't running, it doesn't leak. And in this hot Florida climate, it keeps running. We have a man that has been helping us for years with our AC service, but at this point he has just been jerry rigging it so as to save us from having to do some replacing, which runs into higher costs (\$1700-1800).
- **Nancy's health.** Her blood pressure has been going up and down (probably due to her medicines) and sometimes goes as low as the 40s (diastolic) which causes her not to function well. But praise the Lord, she has been in better spirits and with more energy lately. The doctor has cut back on her medicine, and this may be why she has been feeling better. Pray for her.
- **Travel expenses.** I have my plane ticket for WV, but Nancy is having to wait to see if we can get the extra funds in our financial report in order for her to join us in WV for the week of the Mission Conference. She truly wants to go so she can enjoy the meetings and reunite with many of her old friends there. The pastors and people really enjoy Nancy traveling with me. Pastors have jokingly remarked, "*Carl, we don't want to see you, but it's Nancy we really want to see.*" I don't blame them (even though they were kidding) for saying that. Nancy is a blessing to many, many, people. I certainly miss her when I am by myself on the road. I always tell her that she keeps me from getting lost on the highway when trying to find directions. PRAISE THE LORD FOR OUR 56 YEARS OF BEING TOGETHER!! GOD MAKES NO MISTAKES.

Like Dr. Lee Roberson said to me one day, "*Son, live by faith. It's exciting.*" We trust God that his hand will move mightily in these next few months, as we will be moving about here and there in our ministry with the GPA.

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Heb. 11:6

For His Glory,

Bro. Carl

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Luke 19:10