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June 27, 2025

Dear friends & prayer partners:

Some updates for prayer. Pray for the fellow who I met a year or so ago whose house was ruined in a recent fire (pic. 3). I recall speaking with him through his window for some time, a white, working-class fellow around 60 years old. He never showed up for church, which he promised. And then I learned that there was a major fire in Woodbine—it just happened to be his house. Thankfully, news reports indicate that there were no fatalities. I've swung by to visit with him,, but haven't yet reconnected. Please pray that when we do meet again, that the Spirit would bless the admonitions to his soul. He has been spared—and warned!

On a lighter note, I'm rather amused sometimes by some signs (pic. 2) I encounter in the parish. In my experience, there is much more 'bark' than bite' to this kind of thing. Even "No Solicitation" signs I tend to disregard. Jesus is Lord, and I have a warrant for their arrest! But in all serious, I rarely have people grouse at me for ignoring it. And my wingman is pretty disarming too (pic. 1; and how on earth did he contort himself that way and still manage to fall asleep?).

Continue to pray for my good friend, Pr. Lucrecio Muñoz (pic. 4), a Hispanic pastor friend of mine who is gradually reforming his congregation. Pray that the Lord would own his labors and provide for him, especially as he has been laid off on account of seasonal cycles. He also continues to give me opportunities to **try my hand preaching in Spanish in his congregation.**

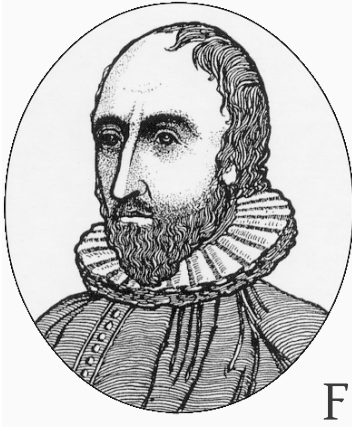
Remember me also this summer as I follow up with this Jehovah's Witness couple (pic. 5) and meet with them again to discuss the Scriptures and the true way of salvation. Thankfully they continue to be open and haven't shut me down. I am also **developing some resources in Spanish** to demonstrate to them that even their corrupt New World Translation of the Bible cannot help but bear witness to the full divinity of Jesus.

Finally, I would covet your prayers that the Lord might deepen my love and enflame my heart with zeal for poor, lost souls. "The Son of man is come not to destroy men's lives, but to save them."

Yours for Jesus' sake,

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Quarterly Update



William Guthrie's Parish Evangelism

“After William Guthrie came to Fenwick, many of the people were so rude and barbarous, that they never attended upon divine worship, and knew not so much as the face of their pastor. To such, everything that respected religion was disagreeable; many refused to be visited or catechised by him; they would not even admit him into their houses. To such he sometimes went in the evening disguised in the character of a traveller, and sought lodging, which he could not even obtain without much entreaty, but, having obtained it, he would engage in some general amusing conversation at first, and then ask them how they liked their minister. When they told him that they did not go to church, he engaged them to go and take a trial; others he hired with money to go. When the time of family worship came, he desired to know if they made any, and if not, what reasons they had for it.”

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