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Friends & Prayer-partners:

A very happy new year to you all. It's been such a swirl of busyness leading up to Annie's wedding in January, that on top of other things I wasn't able to get this quarterly out in a quarter. Ah well—better late than never, they say!

I've been doing more visitation work right here in Tuckahoe along the main drag leading to church. (Our house is the white one in the distance, pic. 2). Tommy is often with me. We have a little ritual where I keep him adequately supplied with raisins, and he *must* both ring any door bell *as well as* knock just to cover his bases. Tommy has a little brother on the way, who I imagine will eventually be my "Silas."

I continue to partner with my good friend, Pr. Lucrecio Muñoz (pic. 3) of Iglesia Buenas Nuevas in Egg Harbor Township. I am still periodically **preaching at his church**, and I was even asked to be involved in the dedication of his newest little one, Sarah. Of course, I couldn't do the dedication, being a paedobaptist; but I offered to preach the sermon and yield the floor to a Reformed Baptist pastor friend of his to take the rest. I preached from Acts 16:31, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, *and thy house.*"

We continue to visit and pray together on a weekly basis. He prays in Spanish .... *lente* (slowly), so I can comprehend, while I pray in English. I've started a bilingual study with him through 1 Samuel. Because it's winter and I'm doing a lot less door-knocking, I am doing this with him at a local Mexican restaurant (pic. 1). I rent the table by purchasing a coffee during the slower time. Perhaps others might show interest and/or I might invite contacts to join in-person or remotely. Already the owner, "Patricia," noticed and inquired if I were a pastor. We had a nice chat; we'll see where that goes. And as I'm recording these studies in 1 Samuel, I may end up posting them online as I am with **other content we're developing** from special meetings we've held at church.

Last night, I took Aubrey, Pr. Muñoz with his wife and little baby with me to visit a receptive Mexican family in my Woodbine parish. Pray for the Lord's grace, that like the Philippian jailer, they "and their house" may be saved!

Yours in Jesus' name,

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Quarterly Update

# *“Wandering, unsettled hearers”*

I must therefore take the liberty to observe, that we have amongst us a set of wandering unsettled hearers, who run about from one congregation to another, and even from one profession to another, and are scarcely ever to to be seen a whole day in one place. If they be but deliberating where to fix, we may say of them, that they are ever learning, and never come to the knowledge of the truth. But the probability is, that they have itching and curious ears, and go about not to serve God but to hear men.

*John Witherspoon*

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