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Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ,

I give thanks to the Lord each and every day of this year of 2017. I give thanks to Him for the blessings I receive because I know God will keep His promises to take care those who believe in Him. (1 Corinthians 15:57; But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.) My ministry is a wonderful opportunity and a great blessing for me to work in the Lord's name. It is the reason for, and meaning of, my life and I will continued to serve the Lord Jesus always with all my heart.

This past Christmas I was rewarded with the joyous task of delivering presents to fifty-five Hispanic children in our religious community. I thank of each and every of the fine churches, and those generous souls, who gave with such kindness by providing gifts for our precious and appreciative children. The joy seen in their faces was truly a blessing to all those who shared in the gift giving and I thank the Lord for each of you.

Thanks to the Lord God we all enjoyed a festive and blessed Christmas and New Years Eve this past year. A large number of new believers attended our services to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Also during this joyous season my family celebrated the birth of a new grandson in our growing family. His name is Lincoln Javier and he was born on December 29th. A new grandchild for my wife and I is sincerely a very special gift from God and we are honestly blessed by our new grandson.

In the recent months of January and February many of the followers of Christ in the Pelican Rapids Church choose not to attend church services because they were fearful of the new enforcement policies concerning immigration laws. Please pray for all the followers of Christ that they will not be afraid to gather together to praise the Lord no matter the threats to their families's separation or deportation. We need to place our trust in the Lord and have faith in His words, as in the Park Rapids Mission where we are blessed with more followers each time we hold services in His honor and glory.

Recently one of our Park Rapids Christian family members, Domingo Castro, became quite ill. Domingo, originally from Guatemala and only thirteen years old, has such


severe pain in his legs it is limiting his ability to walk. We are praying and believing that the Lord Almighty can help heal him, and would ask you to please keep Domingo in your prayers for a speedy recovery for this young boy. Also, an elderly women, Lidia Barragan, from the Pelican Rapids Church had a stroke and I ask that you include her well-being in your prayers.

I give thanks to the Lord God for keeping myself and family safe from automobile accidents this past winter season. In service to the Lord I drive about 250 miles each week going between Pelican Rapids, Park Rapids, Perham and Ashby, Minnesota to provide religious services to the Hispanic souls in each area. Please pray that I may continue to travel safely in spreading the Lord's message to these under-served but dedicated communities in Northern Minnesota.

I thank you so much for your continuing prayers. I greatly appreciate your benevolent support and I pray daily for the Lord God to bless you and your church members for your generosity in helping me serve the Lord in His kingdom here on Earth. I ask you to continued to pray for the Hispanic community, especially for those who live with the fear of attending church services while enduring to be faithful to the Lord and wishing to celebrate together in His holy name. Please pray that God gives them the strength to carry on with faith in His teachings during these difficult times.

Thank you again for all your support for without it would be almost impossible for me to serve the Lord my God. May God bless you! All the glory and honor is for our Lord God Jesus Christ, Amen!

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Juan J. Felipe". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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