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Dear Pastors and Friends,

Greetings from Mexico City. We apologize for the gap since our last update. The past few months have been full, and as we reflect on them, we can clearly see that the Lord has been working internally in many ways—both in our ministry and in my own heart as missionary. While not always visible outwardly, we believe this year is a year where God is strengthening our church.

At the beginning of the year, we were encouraged by a good start and steady momentum. However, over the past few months, we experienced a significant transition. Six families left our church—four due to doctrinal differences, even after many months of Bible study and conversations, one for health reasons, and another because they did not align with our direction and vision. While there is room for growth opportunities, I do not believe the timing and the scope of transition are a coincidence before the Lord.

Suffice to say, this season was not easy. The spiritual weight of these changes was felt deeply, not only by our family but also by the congregation. Several of those who remained were discouraged, and we must walk carefully, patiently, and prayerfully through this time.

At the same time, we see the Lord's hand. While our attendance went from about 50 down to around 40, the church seems to be more united in spirit, and we are thankful that two new families have begun attending. More importantly, we see God's work in individual lives. Mariel has been growing in a remarkable way spiritually, and Hassiel has worked through doctrinal confusion and gained clarity in his faith. These and others are meaningful victories that remind us that God is at work.

One of the clearest lessons the Lord has been teaching me personally is in the area of shepherding. Although my number of years pastoring is approaching eighteen, I feel as though I am learning a new phase of pastoring never experienced before. The Lord had to deal with an arrogant heart on my part as during my first two years of church plant as I see the mistake of pushing people rather than shepherding them. The Lord is teaching me to slow down, to care more, and to build them with greater patience.

As a young church, we are still in a stage of constant adjustments. For example, we are yet to implement a children's program as its attendance fluctuates between 1 and 3. We are working to implement improvements gradually and wisely, but we recognize that at times we create more confusion instead of solutions. Even so, we are moving forward, trusting the Lord to guide us as we continue to grow.

In outreach, we recently launched a new initiative focused on nearby subway routes. For this effort, we distributed approximately 4,000 tracts and made several contacts. While we have not seen anyone ride along the subway with our route team, one lady came to church on her own, and it was a blessing to speak with her and see her obtain assurance of salvation. We continue to pray for fruit that remains.

We also held a Mental Health Conference in February, which was a great encouragement to our church. Bro. Jay shared his testimony and taught from the lives of Elijah, Moses, Job, Jonah, and Paul, helping us

understand emotional struggles through a biblical lens. We believe the Lord used this time to comfort hearts and challenge many toward victory in this area.

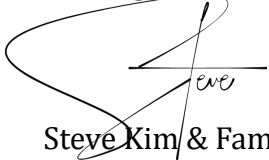
Additionally, we began implementing quarterly ministry and financial updates within the church to promote transparency and stewardship. Though giving is still limited, I believe this will help foster a church culture of transparency and integrity. This also serves in preparation for our stewardship conference in the month of May.

As we move forward, we would greatly appreciate your prayers for the following:

- Evangelism fruit—that those we reach would come and remain
- Visitors—that new families would connect and grow in the church
- Wisdom—as we continue building and making necessary decisions
- Unity and healing—especially after a season of transition and discouragement

Thank you for your continued prayers, support, and partnership in the ministry. We are grateful to be laboring together for the gospel here in Mexico City.

Serving Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Kim". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "S" that loops around the name.

Steve Kim & Family