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Dear Brethren,

Thanks to all who prayed for the two items that I mentioned in my last letter. The crisis in Colombia has eased. The public school textbooks have been partially distributed and a final distribution is planned soon. A very generous church helped make this possible financially, and your prayers have undoubtedly helped to enable the congregation to resist their greatest satanic attack to date. These difficulties yield precious fruits. “Tribulation worketh patience,.....the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth,...” Now, it is important to pray for those who have received the books, that the Word might find a place in their hearts.

The IEC building project in Santiago is advancing, though slowly. This new building will provide opportunities for expanded ministries in the local community, and especially with school teachers from all over the country who will come to the continuing education seminars we will offer. This will be a 40 hour course on how to interpret and teach the Bible. Obviously, we will have detailed explanations of Bible doctrines, their meanings and application in lives.

Another door has opened in Panama in the last six weeks or so, and I would like to ask your special prayer for this. The IEC, being a government recognized religious education organization, has been asked to give seminars to the Panamanian police on the topics of ethics and morality among policemen. We have complete liberty to preach the Bible and certainly intend to use this opportunity to make the glorious Gospel of the grace of God through Jesus Christ clear to all who attend. Four brothers from the States will be participating in the seminars to be held July 8th through 15th. They all have background in police, military, and chaplain work. I am amazed at the assets that are present in our churches to meet the demands of an opportunity such as this. The Panamanian government is very concerned about rising levels of crime, especially among juveniles, and is open to the idea that Biblical values in the hearts of the people is the real answer. If we can succeed in presenting the transforming truths of the Gospel effectively, this could be the beginning of continued seminars with different levels of the police. One very encouraging bit of news is that last week, the police department ordered fifteen thousand Bibles. That is the approximate number of policemen in the country. I see the hand of God in this. Please pray for our presentations in that week of July.

I will be making a trip to the Pearl of the Antilles the week before the police presentations. Please pray for our travels, and for the event we will be attending.

May the Lord bless you all in your service to His great cause.

Robert Creech

