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2019-2020 Annual Report

Fathers and Brothers,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ! It is a delight and an honor to be able to give you a report about the work in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

### **Church growth**

Over this past year our church plant has seen much growth. It has been a joy and a delight to see our people growing not only in number but in depth. Since my last report, the church has had 2 different membership classes and has received 17 new members in one class and we were set to receive another 15 if COVID 19 had not happened. It truly is a great blessing to be able to pastor this fledgling congregation alongside my dear brother Josué Pineda.

### **Josué Pineda**

As many of you know in February Josué passed his floor exams for the presbytery and was officially received as a member of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley. We were set to have his ordination/installation service in April but because of the circumstances surrounding COVID we have had to postpone. We are hoping to do the service as quickly as possible but we are waiting to see how things move forward in the coming months.

### **Teaching and Preaching**

Josué and I have continued to share the teaching and preaching duties and have almost split the time 50/50. During this unprecedented season we have continued to have our morning service and evening Bible study online. We have been preaching through Ezra and Nehemiah and will return to 1 Timothy when we finish. In the evenings we are about to begin a study on Redemption Accomplished and Applied. Please pray for us to be faithful as we preach and teach each Lord's Day. Pray people would be changed by the Word. Also, continue to pray for our Sunday evening studies. We get lots of visitors on Sunday nights because we are one of the few churches who is offering anything in the evening. It has continued to be a great source of growth for our church in number and in depth. We also continue to have a weekly prayer meeting where we are working through the Psalms as a pattern for prayer.

One of the most recent highlights was our annual conference, Doctrines for Life. Our theme this year was seeing Christ in the Old Testament. We changed the conference to an online format and invited pastors from 4 different countries to preach from a different section of the OT each evening. We were praying that about 120 different apparatuses and were overwhelmed when we averaged well over 250 each night. We had people tune in from every country in North and South America(including some in the Caribbean and Europe). It was a great time to hear wonderful preaching and be encouraged by how the Lord is growing the Reformed Church in Latin America

### **Upcoming**

Even though COVID-19 has been a trying season for the church we are really excited about what the Lord has in store in the coming months. We have seen more and more people connected to our services online and we are hopeful we will see growth coming out of a very difficult season.

Also, we will be receiving our first Honduran intern at the church this fall. We are praying this young man will grow in his knowledge, love, and affections for our God and His Word over his internship and would be a good candidate for a future church plant.

Finally, one of the main things we have been able to work on during this season has been the potential of theological education in Honduras. One of the greatest needs facing the church in Honduras (in Latin America for that matter) is theological education. We have a great need for people to be equipped and trained for the Gospel ministry. Please pray for us as we begin to walk down the road of trying to start a seminary in Tegucigalpa.

It is a great privilege to be able to serve the Lord as an evangelist serving out of bounds in Honduras. I can honestly say the lines for me have fallen in pleasant places. I thank you for allowing me to serve Christ in Honduras and humbly ask that I may continue to serve out of bounds.

Your servant in Christ,

Aaron Halbert