

March 10, 2023

Dear Pastor and Church:

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, emails, calls, and special offerings. Three months ago today, Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, on December 10<sup>th</sup>, Alba went home to be with the Lord. We had a memorial service December 17<sup>th</sup> in our home church, Victory Baptist. Church of Weatherford, TX and our Pastor Rev. Rob Catuto preached. My Dad gave the eulogy, prayed, and read Psalm 23. Halbert played the piano and sang with one of his cousins. A friend in the church and Pastor Catuto also sang. If you have been following my emails, you know that I returned to Honduras December 25<sup>th</sup>. Our oldest son Steve returned December 24<sup>th</sup>. Halbert arrived the 31<sup>st</sup> and Edgar arrived the 10<sup>th</sup> of January. Alba's body finally arrived here in Siguatepeque, Honduras January 10<sup>th</sup>. That night we had the traditional wake. There was a large crowd present. We had a special service during the wake. I asked Pastor Polo to lead the service and give the eulogy. His family and Alba's family have known each other since they were children. Halbert, another one of his cousins, and a friend sang several of Alba's favorite hymns. My Mom read the 23<sup>cd</sup> Psalm. I asked my Dad to preach as there were many lost present. Both services closed with a hymn that was sung at our wedding in 1988, "My Tribute, To God Be The Glory." The next day we buried her with our sons, my parents, her Father and her nine siblings, many nieces and nephews, cousins, church members from several churches, and friends. It was a big crowd. Pastor Polo led a short service and my Mom read the verses I tried to read but couldn't. We sang and prayed.

Halbert and Edgar returned to the States January  $14^{\text{th}}$ . Steve is here with me. I must admit that this is very difficult. I miss Alba immensely. Praise the Lord for the comfort that her soul is in Heaven and she no longer is suffering. We long for the time when we will be reunited in the air with the Lord for all Eternity. Maybe today. We do have some exciting family news: Edgar and Alexandra are expecting a baby boy in June. He will be our third grandchild.

I have completely resumed the ministry now. The J.D. Young family were a great help during our absence. But they have left Honduras and plan to go to Spain as missionaries. So, now I am back to preaching three times a week in the services. We had Friends Day in February with several visitors present. Our attendance is increasing slowly. We have been going out every Saturday to pass out tracts and knock on doors. Please pray that we will see souls saved and that the members will grow in faithfulness.

Thank you again for your faithful prayers and financial support. May God bless you greatly. Please change immediately the address of the IBFI where you send our support. The new address is: IBFI Mission Agency PO Box 151259 Fort Worth TX 76108

Yours with Hope for Honduras,

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