

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope this letter finds you well and filled with the joy of our Lord's presence in your lives. As I write to you today, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt greetings and share the blessings we have experienced recently. It has been a busy yet fruitful time for our church and community, and I am excited to update you on the wonderful things God is doing among us.



Ministry and my spiritual growth have been such a great blessing, I am filled with gratitude and excitement. In the Academy, we have reached a significant milestone by completing our first two modules, Hermeneutics and Proper Theology, and now we are delving into New Testament studies and Biblical Leadership. Each session has been a rich opportunity to deepen our understanding of scripture and apply these timeless truths to our lives and ministry. It's incredible to witness how these lessons are not just academic; they transform the way we interact with one another and serve our community.

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of these modules. Each lesson equips us with knowledge that strengthens our foundation in Christ, allowing us to become more effective in our missions and more grounded in our faith. As we study together, I can see the enthusiasm building among the students, and it fills my heart with joy to see how active and engaged everyone is. The dialogue and sharing of insights have created a vibrant learning environment that I believe will serve us well as we continue to grow.

As for our church life, an exciting turn of events, our church recently underwent a rebranding, changing our name to “Iglesia Bautista Arraigados”. This change is not merely a new title; it carries a profound meaning for us. Inspired by Colossians 2:6-7, we are reminded that as we have received Christ Jesus the Lord, we are to walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him. This scripture perfectly encapsulates our mission—rooting ourselves firmly in Christ so He can thrive in us and through us. With this new name, we are embracing our identity as a church that is deeply grounded in faith and dedicated to nurturing growth in our community.



I feel honored to be part of this transformation. The name change signifies our commitment to planting roots in Christ while encouraging others

to do the same. It is a call to action for all of us to reflect on how we can embody this focus in our lives, relationships, and ministry efforts. Embracing our new name together invites us to be active participants in God's work, creating a sense of belonging and purpose within our fellowship.

As I take a moment to think about our church's name and the beautiful fellowship we share, my heart overflows with gratitude. The strength of “Arragiados” which means roots, lies not just in our gatherings or activities but in the profound bond we share as we grow together in our faith in Jesus Christ. Each service, every prayer meeting, and the shared moments of worship serve as reminders of how blessed we are to be part of this family.



Our faith is deeply rooted in the belief that Christ is our foundation. We strive to follow His teachings and live out the gospel in our daily lives. This foundation is not just a doctrine we profess, but a calling we live out together. I am constantly inspired by the way all of us as a body uplift one another, seeking to reflect Christ's love and grace in every interaction. .

The fellowship we share is a testament to the power of unity in Christ. It's so encouraging to see how we come together as one body, each member contributing their unique gifts and talents. I just want to say thank you for your service to us. Saturday, April 12, 2025



I want to emphasize the power of prayer in every aspect of our work. Ministry can be challenging, but it is also profoundly rewarding, and I believe that through prayer, we can align ourselves with God's purpose in our context. I want to share with you our financial and insurance needs, for prayer purposes. I know that navigating these matters can be daunting, and I want to encourage everyone to join me in prayer regarding these challenges. Our financial stability is crucial not just for our ministry's ongoing functions but also for the personal well-being of not worrying about finances.

Please pray for our financial and medical insurance needs before God. Navigating these challenges can sometimes feel overwhelming, but I firmly believe that God is aware of our situation and cares deeply for our well-being. Let's pray for His guidance in finding solutions that meet our needs, bringing us the financial stability and health coverage necessary to continue our work in

ministry without distractions. I encourage you to trust in His provision as we seek wisdom and clarity in these matters, confident that He will support us in overcoming any obstacles we face.

Thank you and my heart is overflowing with gratitude for each one of you. Your unwavering support, both in prayers and in friendship, has been a beacon of hope during challenging times. I am truly thankful for the lovely fellowship and the bond we have developed as we seek to grow in our faith together. It is a blessing to witness how we uplift one another and share in each other's joys and struggles, forming a strong community that mirrors the love of Christ. In expressing my gratitude, I want to highlight how essential your involvement in ministries is to me; it encourages me to continue serving with passion and purpose.



As I conclude this letter, I want to encourage each of you to see how God has worked in all your hearts, just to know that he is using all of you to spread His Word in the world. Knowing this brings gratitude to our hearts as believers. Let's remember to take time to appreciate the blessings we have, no matter how small, and to share that appreciation with others. Our expressions of gratitude reflect our understanding of God's goodness and grace in our lives, and they can inspire those around us to do the same.

So, let us move forward, rooted in love and dedication, embracing the challenges and blessings that come our way. Together, let's strive to be a source of encouragement for one another as we continue our journey of faith. Thank you once again for being such an integral part of my life and ministry—I am truly blessed to be supported by all of you. May God's grace shine upon you as we grow in Him together!

In Christ,
Pastor Fernando Rocha

