

Beloved Brethren (this is Francis),

On Wednesday, we spent the morning seeking our Great King to lay hold of grace and vision for the day. In the early afternoon we ventured out on our own (for the first time) and took a taxi to Kennedy park; this is the same park in the video I put on the church FB page. We spent the first few hours seeking the Lord in a nearby McDonald's and around 7pm we went outside to begin sharing the good news of our Lord. I was afflicted with a migraine for almost the entire day, however, brothers Sean, Matthew and a few of the brethren from Barranco were able to preach at various locations in the surrounding area. It appears the Lord had moved upon many and at least one man was diligently and sincerely inquiring of what he must do to be saved. Praise God.

On Thursday there was a prayer meeting at one of the brethren's houses here in Barranco. Brother Sean preached a short exhortation on fasting and seeking vision from God. Many in attendance were very obviously affected based on the prayers being uttered. Brother Alfonso prayed with many tears asking for forgiveness from the Lord for all the ways he and the elders have failed to preach as the scriptures demands of them, it was a blessing to witness. There were also several brethren that prayed with true brokenness so much so, that this was one of the most powerful prayer meetings we have been to since being in Peru.

Yesterday was a day wherein many things came to a head. Alfonso and Sean spent a good part of the day talking about issues surrounding his confusion with limited atonement, and related matters. Yesterday, as you already know Alfonso communicated to Sean that at the very least he and Eder were fully believing the doctrine of falling from grace. That topic was further discussed today while we met for the vast majority of the day. Alfonso was saying things like, "there is no other way see this now, except that Christians can fall" when speaking of all the warnings in Hebrews. Praise God!

We also had a skype conversation with Eder and Junior discussing this and the Lord seems to be giving Junior light on these things as well, albeit not as profoundly as He's given light to Alfonso and Eder. It was a blessing to hear Eder say that his "heart is burning to preach this to the brethren". This is the very heart brother Sean was desiring to see in all the elders and praise God, Eder has it! Though this is all very good and encouraging news, there has been another layer of complexity added to getting these brothers to the point where they can preach these things. The church that they have ties to in Venezuela seems to be more of a sister church and therefore, Alfonso, Junior and Eder have hesitations about preaching on falling from grace until the elders in Venezuela are up to speed and on board.

With this being the case, a trip to Venezuela may be necessary to preach all of the same things that the brethren here have heard over the last 2 1/2 weeks. The Elders (Alfonso, Eder, and Junior) are insisting to the necessity of sharing these things with the Venezuela Churches, and they are saying that they desire for Sean and a few elders to go there to visit them after our meetings on "falling from grace" come to a conclusion. Though the church in Venezuela has been very open to share with the brethren here that they would gladly receive us, this is another wall the Lord will have to give us grace to jump over, as David did, in order to prove this burden. There are also some concerns with the Venezuelan church (i.e. modesty and sobriety) that will almost certainly be addressed in one way or another if that trip happens. In the mean time, Eder, Junior, Alfonso and Martin are giving themselves to searching the scriptures and have set up a meeting for today to discuss their findings etc... Please keep praying for Martin as well brethren, when asked what he thinks about all of this his response has been "I'm still meditating on it", this will hinder the other elders from moving forward as they are very much set on having one mind in this endeavor. Lord willing there will be some more elder's meetings Tuesday and Wednesday wherein they will be able to ask any questions that have come to mind.

One final update for yesterday is that we had a night watch last night. It was apparently the first one the church has had in many months and was limited to only the men. It was powerful! In the beginning it was evident the Lord was resisting the meeting, but as brothers began to confess their sins and truly cry out for a nearness to God and to grow in grace and glory the Lord came. The meeting ended at about 5am and it was a blessing brethren, I believe the Lord was pleased to meet with us and sent His Holy Spirit into our midst.

On a completely separate note, the Lord has given a burden for Paulo Junior. He is the Brazilian preacher that was mentioned in one of the letters I translated before coming here. We saw a few short videos of him preaching and brethren the Lord was with him. He truly seemed to have the burden of the Lord while preaching as well as a zeal that I have not seen outside of our church in a long time. Paulo Junior has not been in communication with the church here in Peru for about 6 weeks according to Alfonso and he is very troubled by this. There is a legitimate concern that Paulo may have been contacted by HeartCry and Paul Washer and this could be the reason why. The initial reason Paulo came to know the church was because he wanted to get in touch with Paul Washer to try and expand his own ministry (this is while the church here was still with HeartCry). However, this man could be one of the Lord's 7,000 that refused to bow the knee to Baal. As such, a trip to Brazil may also be a possibility. Please help us in bearing the burden for this man as his reach in South America seems to be growing at a

decent rate, right now he pastors a church with a congregation of about 400 people.

Brother Francis