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Hello. January and February went through here like a tornado. One would expect a recess from activity and time to regroup after Christmas! Not possible in Panama.

The school year 2023 ended in December. Dry season (summer vacation) began before Christmas. There was a breathing space between then and January 2nd, then BOOM, “They’re OFF!” like in an old fashioned horse race. Jr. and Sr. Youth Camps, V.B.S., weddings, a softball league to unite the churches in competition, church anniversaries, new works opening, construction projects and special activities of different sorts all produced so much momentum that to slow down seems to be sinful. Where I serve, we just finished our missions conference on March 10th. The schools resumed classes the first week of March.

Our Bible institute is changing so much that I decided to take a year “furlough” from teaching. Actually, I resigned in favor of joining the student group in taking classes, which I used to do, but overload made that impossible for the last 20 years.

Our Pastor, Carlos Lara, is completing his third year in the pastorate on March 14th. He is a diamond in the rough. I stand amazed at how the Lord has used him and is using him, at the insight He has given him into the Scriptures and to see his burden to win the Lost. He is a good pastor.

I continue in my role as a defender of the faith and doctrine, trying to encourage the new ranks of Christians to help them grow in the Lord. The new generation has created changes in the way things are viewed and administered. Same old story, different chapter. I need to take time to evaluate the new way of doing things.

Our grandson, Anthony Allen Willis and wife, Cathy are beginning deputation to establish a church where they have been winning souls, in a neighboring district, Boquerón, which involves several communities. I am grateful. Please pray for them and me.

My health is good. My aches’n’pains are normal for my age.

Thank you for all the prayer and financial support that keep me here and doing what I can.

Love and greetings, Elaine

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