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Dear friends in Christ,

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Julio and Rosario started attending our church. After a couple of months, they expressed a desire to transfer their membership from another Baptist church. So I contacted the pastor who gave his approval. At that time, I sat down with them and listened to their testimony and asked questions about salvation.

Many have a hard time explaining their faith in Christ because they have not been taught. But the answers to very simple questions revealed that Julio did not understand the gospel. We took our time and went very slowly. At times, I would turn to his wife to ask questions in order to give him time to gather his thoughts. At one point, I asked him: *"Do you believe you are saved and God has forgiven you of your sin because: 1) You prayed a prayer; 2) You made a decision; 3) Or because of what Jesus has done for you on the cross?"* His answer was: *"Because I prayed a prayer."* I asked his wife if she saw any problem with his answer. She responded: *"Yes. I think he's a little confused."*

A week later, we met again to work through the most important subject in life. I wanted Julio to take some time to step back and think about it all. At the next meeting, he had come to the conclusion on his own that he was not saved. It greatly disturbed him that he had missed understanding the gospel all together and was in danger of going to hell. He put his faith in Christ alone, was regenerated, and freed from years of struggle. Julio is a new man. He is so joyful and thrilled to be on his way to heaven.

For years, Pelayo was bouncing like a spiritual ping pong ball from one religious group to another. He began attending our church and after about 3 months, he expressed his desire to join our church. So we started with the topic of salvation. He had never heard once that salvation is not by works. It took about three conversations that lasted about an hour each for him to understand. I wished you could have heard his testimony in church. At the end, he said: *"I came to understand that salvation is not by good works. I believe entirely and only in the finished work of Christ on the cross."* I was amazed to hear how he put it so clearly and precisely.

Abel, Vilma and Franklin are family members of Roquel and Tania. I mentioned this couple in our last prayer letter and how they recently came to Christ. Short story: Abel, Vilma and Franklin made a profession of faith. We went over the gospel for hours on two occasions. I see immediate change in Julio and Pelayo. With Abel, Vilma, and Franklin, it is our sincere hope they got it.

The message is simple, darkness is deep, and blindness is real. It is an intense spiritual battle. Here are two people we would like for you to remember in prayer: Michel and Erich (the name is German so it is pronounced "Erick"). They are not related and both are husbands and fathers. I have spent many hours explaining the gospel to each of them. They struggle and repentance is the factor. Although they both see it and know heaven or hell lies in the balance, sin has a grip.

We are moving forward on the radio ministry and making the necessary preparations for the new stations. It will take time. But once we are on the air, good things begin to happen fast. Thank you for your prayers and giving.

For Christ's glory,
Stanley and Ruth Templeton

