

## The Stevens Family

### Independent Baptist Church planting missionaries to Philadelphia, PA.



### September – November 2024 prayer letter.

Dear brethren, as I write this letter it is Wednesday November 27<sup>th</sup>, and we are so much looking forward to a time of fellowshiping with family at Thanksgiving, after almost a year of traveling around the country on furlough.

Other than the weariness that comes with being in a vehicle so much and traveling countless hours, we would say that we had a very blessed furlough. We were able to gain some new supporting churches, which is a great blessing after having lost a number of supporting churches after the transition from Honduras to Philadelphia, and the supporting churches that we did visit were very gracious and encouraging to us with respect to our next calling.

Lord willing, after weeks of gospel literature distribution and evangelizing the lost, we plan to have the first official service of the Spanish church on Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup>, and after seeking the Lord's will in prayer, we have decided that the name of the church will be: "Iglesia Bautista Independiente Columna y Apoyo de la Verdad," which in English reads: "Pillar and Ground of the Truth Independent Baptist Church" based upon (I Timothy 3:15). We want this to be a church that stands for the whole counsel of God's word without apology, and that exalts the local New Testament Baptist Church in the same manner that the Lord does, as **thee institution** that He has entrusted with the sacred task of building up God's people in "the faith once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 1:3), and fulfilling the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) in Philadelphia and beyond by proclaiming the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I know that many of you have inquired, and having been praying that the Lord would provide a place for our family to live. With the passing of one of my aunts a couple of weeks ago, the Lord has opened the door for us to move into her house. It needs much work and repairs in certain areas, but Lord willing, it will be home for us, and it is only about twenty minutes away from where the church plant will be.

As mentioned in our last letter, Lord willing, in January there will be a special sendoff service from our present home church: "Gospel Light Baptist Church" for our family to become members of "Liberty Baptist Church" in Philadelphia.

I wanted to mention that I will not be attending the Heartland Baptist Bible College Church Planter's Conference in Oklahoma City in January, but Pastor Burton Gates does plan to attend, and if given the opportunity, he will be mentioning the needs of the Spanish church.

A number of churches have expressed interest in coming to help with gospel outreach before the start of the first service, or at a different time in the year. I would be happy to discuss that with anyone who would like to contact me.

In closing, we always want to mention how grateful we are for your sacrificial giving and faithful prayers on behalf of our family. We want to represent all of you in a way that will truly glorify the Lord, while also bringing forth fruit "that may abound to your account" (Philippians 4:17).

We pray that you all have a blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends.

**Because Christ is Risen (I Cor. 15:19-20)**

**Jason, Arlen,**

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*John 12:32 "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me*

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