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Dear companions in mission,

Greetings from Costa Rica and from the Latin American Biblical University (UBL).

When I came to Costa Rica in September of 2013, the first class I taught had a total of five students. As our new academic year begins, there are nineteen women and men studying the history of the churches in Latin American and the Caribbean with me. As faculty members, we find ourselves being stretched in new ways as we strive to provide personalized accompaniment to our students as class sizes grow. Most of our students are now studying on-line, which brings its own set of challenges. In my on-line group, I currently have students in Peru, Honduras, and the United States, in addition to Costa Ricans who do not want to fight the traffic in San Jose to get to the UBL. Class sizes on campus are also growing. Four new students arrived from Peru at the beginning of the year to join other students in residence.

Thank you again for arranging the wonderful brunch for Erlinda Quesada and me while we were in the Chapel Hill area. I appreciated the opportunity to learn more about your congregation. You helped Erlinda gain a greater understanding of people and churches in the United States. Your concern for the struggles of the communities affected by the pineapple plantations here encouraged her. Erlinda and I are looking for ways to collaborate in the future and we will keep you posted.

I am so grateful for your ongoing support through your prayers and gifts that has allowed me to be part of the growth of the UBL in recent years. The women and men who come to us with their questions and their desire to learn new skills for ministry and community leadership do not have the resources to cover the cost of a theological education. Our students, my colleagues and I rely on people who support our educational mission to make our work possible. According to the information I have received from Louisville, Presbyterian World Mission received gifts for a total of \$500.00 from your congregation for my support in 2019. Thank you so very much. I hope that Presbyterian World Mission and I can count on your support in 2020.

Please know that I hold your congregation and its witness in Pittsboro and beyond in my prayers. I would welcome more communication from you. Please let me know if there are other folks in the congregation who would like to receive my prayer letters.

In the hope of God's coming Reign,

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Cc: Jose Morel, Rev. Evan Harrison