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News from Pastor Henocho Fuentes

Greetings from Pastor Henocho Fuentes

Eli told Samuel to “Go and lie down, and if He calls you say, “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.” So, Samuel went and lay down in his place. God communicates with those willing to listen. One would naturally expect an audible message from God in a similar way that it happened to the priest in this story. But mainly, God communicates with those who have faith, or with the faithful, and He may use any channel to communicate.

For instance, God communicates through circumstances. We departed the USA and after many ups and downs, we arrived in Chile the first week of January. We took several PCR Covid tests, all with negative results. The test needed to be within a 48-hour period of our arrival into Chile. As it happened, our flight out of Chicago was delayed. Therefore, by the time we arrived in Santiago, we missed fitting into the required covid testing window assigned by the Chilean Health Department by a couple of hours. As a result, my wife, Nidia, was not allowed to enter Chile. They made an exception in my case, and I was allowed to enter the country on the condition that I immediately begin a ten-day isolation quarantine. I urgently needed to spend time with my sister, Ana Maria, who had been diagnosed with cancer. Chilean hospitals have been overwhelmed with covid patients for two years and all the medical services have been at home. She had been dealing with terminal cancer of the breast, lungs, and bones. Finally, Nidia arrived in Chile two weeks later, with no delays to her flight and

five negative covid tests. She arrived two days before Ana Maria entered heaven and now stays with the Lord for eternity.

The Evangelical Covenant Church of Rancagua lost its pastor. I immediately assumed the responsibility. The national leader was present at my sister’s funeral and the formal transition was made. I led five services for her funeral so that everyone who wanted to be present was able to attend for one hour. We were allowed only fifty people at a time. At the cemetery, over 300 people attended.

I have continued with services in English and Spanish at different hours. Sunday mornings we meet at Casa Amen through Facebook. My plan for the near future is to be here in Chile until the end of March. Then, I will be back in Elgin for three months to continue teaching Evangelism, Missions, and Christian Worship at Judson University (SEMS) Spanish English Ministries Studies. The national covenant pastors from Chile will be covering the pulpit until I return to lead the church in Rancagua, Chile. All of these events occurred which prepared me for the work that the Lord needs me to do. At the right place and right time, God can work through anyone He chooses.

Please pray and support the mission in Chile and the great challenge that we face. Nidia and I pray for God’s richest blessings to be upon you all.

Henocho Fuentes Pastor/Missionary/EPD Chaplain

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