

Chiclayo, Peru, October 30, 2007

Dear beloved brothers,

Grace to you in the Lord! We are serving as responsible brothers in the church in Chiclayo, Peru. In recent years, the church in Chiclayo has suffered turmoil and eventual division as a result of the ministry and work of Brother Dong Yu Lan and his co-workers. We offer the following account for your prayers.

1. In the month of October, 2004, Brother Dong held a conference in the locality of Huacho, Peru. After this conference Brother Dong and Ezra Ma went to the city of Chiclayo. In a serving ones' meeting, Brother Dong falsely accused Brother Andrés Capillo, a responsible brother of the church in Lima, of allowing immorality in his house, when in fact it was known that he was caring for a mentally ill relative. The church in Chiclayo had been shepherded by Brother Andrés and was closely related to him. (See "Open Letter from the Church in Trujillo," page 3, and letter dated "Chiclayo, Peru, October 18, 2004.")
2. We, the responsible brothers of the church in Chiclayo, wrote an open letter to the churches in Peru in which we protested the speaking against Brother Andrés Capillo and the division instigated by Brother Dong in Lima. In the same letter, we also stated that, due to the division formed by Brother Dong in Lima, some saints in Chiclayo ceased partaking of the Lord's table while others ceased coming to the meetings altogether. (See letter dated "Chiclayo, Peru, October 18, 2004.")
3. In a meeting held in Julio Hinostrroza's home, Brothers Alejandro and Milton, along with others, asked us in an altered and impolite way to withdraw the open letter we had written for all the churches in Peru. Facing this situation, we stood firm in support of the letter we had written. Because of the bad behavior and negative attitude on the part of Alejandro and Milton, followed by other brothers, the wife of Brother Julio was affected by a nervous breakdown. Brothers Alejandro and Milton then proceeded to dismiss the meeting and left.
4. As of today, the group of brothers that left the church in Chiclayo to follow Brother Dong has started another table meeting in Chiclayo.

Brother Julio Hinostrroza
Brother Luis Ramírez

I, Julio Hinostrroza, offer the following personal testimony to your for your prayers.

1. The church in Chiclayo requested the visitation of blended co-workers to minister the word in a conference scheduled for December 2005. Brothers Sterling Byassee and Walter Ortiz were planning to join the church in Chiclayo for the conference. Brother Sterling wrote an e-mail to inform Ezra Ma and, through him, Brother Dong, of the impending visitation. The co-workers in South America, through the e-mail of Ezra Ma, sent a harsh response to Brother Sterling later that same day. In their response they accused Brother Andrés Capillo of leading a movement of division, which included saints in Trujillo and Chiclayo. In that same e-mail, the co-workers in South America insisted that the visitation of Brothers Sterling and Walter would "strengthen the dissenting ones" and give the saints in South America the impression that the co-workers in the United States no longer consider the churches in South America to be genuine churches in the Lord's recovery. This was in direct contradiction of the face-to-face fellowship that Brother Ezra had with Brother Sterling and me in Anaheim earlier that year. At that time Brother Ezra told us that it was not a problem to invite brothers from North America to Chiclayo, and he encouraged us to fellowship the matter with Brother Dong. (See e-mail from Sterling Byassee to Ezra Ma dated Thursday, December 08, 2005; e-mail response from Ezra Ma to Sterling Byassee dated Thursday, December 08, 2005; and e-mail response from Sterling Byassee to Ezra Ma dated Sunday, December 18, 2005.)

Brother Julio Hinostrroza