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Miami. Following his visit to Venezuela, Chief Apostle Leber travelled to Miami, Florida, USA. There he conducted a funeral service for Bishop Kenneth Speranza, whose life was taken in a tragic accident on February 18. The service took place in the Cooper City congregation.

As a basis for this service he used a text out of Exodus 33:12, "...I know you by name, and you have also found grace in My sight." Our Chief Apostle elaborated on the characteristics of the departed Bishop saying that he was a faithful, servant of God, devoted to the work of God, friendly and helpful.

The departed Bishop had deeply touched the lives of those he served. He was especially dear to the youth in the United States. The family and the congregation do not see it as coincidence that our Chief Apostle was previously scheduled to conduct a divine service in Miami, and therefore, was able to conduct the funeral service and provide deep comfort to all of those who gathered. The Bishop died shortly before his 46th birthday, and is survived by his wife and two young sons.

The following day, Wednesday, February 28, the Chief Apostle conducted a divine service in Broward College where he greeted more than a thousand New Apostolic Christians with the words from Philippians 1:27, "Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel". In this connection the Chief Apostle admonished the congregation to stand strong in oneness of faith and serve each other as the Lord Jesus did when he washed the feet of His disciples. Our Chief Apostle also brought his concern that the assembled congregation would prepare themselves for the festive Service for the Departed, which would be conducted on the coming Sunday.

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