



# Pray for Spain

June/July 2021



***A work of faith and labour of love  
for the glory of Christ until He comes***



**“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.**

**Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil.**

**May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.”**

*(1 Thessalonians 5:16-24)*

# **MORAL DE CALATRAVA**

José Luís, Noemí, Natanael & Eric



*"Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ."*

*Philippians 1:27*

Dear brothers and sisters,

I would like to share with you some thoughts taken from Charles Haddon Spurgeon:

"Conversation" does not refer simply to talking with others, but to the whole of our life and conduct in the world. The Greek word includes a citizen's deeds and privileges, so we are told as citizens of the new Jerusalem to ensure that our actions are worthy of the gospel of Christ.

What sort of conversation is this? Firstly, the gospel is very **simple**. As Christians we should be straightforward and frank. In our manners, how we speak, how we dress, in all our conduct we should have that simplicity which is the very soul of beauty. Above all, the gospel is **true**, pure gold: and the Christian's life will have no shine or value without the jewel of truth. The gospel is **intrepid**, so proclaim the truth valiantly whether people want to hear or not; we should be faithful and determined.

However, the gospel is also very **delicate**: note what was said of Jesus, "a bruised reed shall he not break". Some Christians are more damaging than a thorny hedge and are not like Jesus. Let us win others with gentle words and deeds. The gospel is very **tender**, being the message from the God of love for a lost and fallen world. Christ's final command to his disciples, was "Love one another". May God give us a more genuine and sincere union amongst ourselves and a love for all the saints, granting to us also a more tender compassion for the souls of the worst and most evil people.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR MEMBERS' HEALTH

Paula asks for prayer. In addition to her other health problems, she now has gallstones and has been in severe pain for three weeks; emergency visits to hospital only resulted in being sent home again without a remedy. She is waiting for treatment from digestive specialists. Please pray for her as she is very dejected with her ailments which prevent her from leading a normal life and attending church services.

We thank God that José is going out a bit more. The better weather and warmer temperature help him to feel better and able to attend services more regularly.

Pray for John who is waiting for a call from Madrid to be admitted for tests to find the causes of his epileptic attacks.

Praise the Lord there were no new cases of Covid-19 in Moral this week. Things seem to be improving gradually in Spain. We are confident that by the end of the summer this nightmare will have passed and we can begin to return to the normality we had before the pandemic.

## SERVICES

People are gradually attending meetings again. We are praying that the contacts we made throughout this time will also want to attend - Tere, María Nieves and Raquel.

## FAMILY IN GRANÁTULA AND ALMAGRO

Our friends in Granátula are making gradual progress, thanks to the Lord. They have finished level one of the Bible Study and are starting on the second level. John and Ángel have stopped joining. We are sure John will return soon. Ángel, however, has told his wife, María, that he is a Catholic Christian and does not want to change his religion. Please pray for them.



*Ángel and María*

Sara has had the baby as you will see in the photo (next page); he is called Sebastián John and is a precious child. Please pray for them.



In Almagro, Gema continues to study the Bible with our sister Encarna. There is some complication with continuing because Gema no longer has a fixed timetable and this makes it difficult to organise the studies. Please pray for her and her children.

### **LOCAL RADIO MINISTRY**

Our congregation has been involved in the town's local radio for some time. Currently we are broadcasting two programmes. Encarna presents "Encounters" every Tuesday at 10:30 and I present "Horizons" every day at 11:30. Please keep our listeners in your prayers that they will respond to the gospel call.

### **SEFOVAN TRAINING**

We have completed another course. This year we had nine students. It was difficult to do, but God enabled us to carry on with all the restrictions in place. Sometimes we were not able to have the class face to face but used Zoom. We would like to see new students for the next year; please pray.



## SOCIAL WORK

We have carried out the social work in Moral for over 15 years, distributing tons of food at difficult times of crisis. But now, despite the pandemic, we find we must take the difficult decision to stop, because we do not have the resources to carry on this work. Our small church has few members and those who were involved in the social work cannot do it now due to health problems. We have stopped the work and trust the Lord that we shall be able to take it up again in future. We thank God for all the good we have been able to do for so many families in the town, helping them to look to the Saviour and commit their lives to him.



## DONATION

On 1 May, we received a 100€ donation from the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE), "for the great social work you are doing in the town of Moral". We are grateful for their generosity and for bearing us in mind.



Of course, we appreciate the gesture from the politicians but, as we told them, we would also like them to be more involved in

the activities arranged by the church.

## ONLINE SERVICES

We want to thank all the churches and pastors who have invited the Mission workers to hold services through Zoom. These meetings encourage us greatly as they show us your love and interest in the gospel work in Spain. May God bless you richly.

## **PRAY FOR US AS A FAMILY**

Please pray for Natanael. We thank God he has work and is well, but his heart is further from the Lord.

Eric is now 18; we thank God for him. Please pray for his studies, as he is having a hard time this year completing high school. At present he attends church services. Please pray for him.

Noemí is well; she is preparing for her open university exams in June. Please pray for her father, Daniel, because his health is delicate.

Please pray that the Lord would give me wisdom in these complex times. The work is not easy and following the Lord is a challenge, with tests and problems; please pray that we shall continue faithfully, by His grace.

Thank you for your prayers. We need your support before the throne of grace of our beloved Lord. Without Him we are nothing and can do nothing. Only to Him be the glory!

Please accept our love and gratitude in Christ.

***José Luís, Noemí, Natanael and Eric***

## **SANTA CRUZ DE MUDELA**

**Sergio, Chani & Jennifer**



*"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."*

*Philippians 4:6*

Dearly beloved in the Lord,

We always thank God for each of you; you are an important part of the work for the Lord that we are able to do in Spain, especially here in Santa Cruz de Mudela.

## **PANDEMIC**

We thank God that the Covid situation is gradually improving in Spain; vaccinations are progressing and infections have dropped considerably. This week there were only three cases in the town and the Lord has graciously protected our church members.

## **SERVICES**

We have restarted all meetings more or less as normal, with legal hygienic measures in place.

We have also started Bible studies in the home of a family in Almuradiel, with whom we only had contact by phone or video call up to now. Please pray for Cristóbal, Rosario and their children, Diego (12) and Samara (2).

Fernando continues with the Bible studies, now fourth in the series; he is doing well and is quite enthusiastic to continue. Recently his father has been more interested and is asking many questions. Please pray for them that the Lord by His Spirit would open their hearts for salvation.

## **CHILDREN'S WORK**

Thanks to the Lord, we have been able to start Sunday School for the church children; there are only a few, but we also hope that we shall be able to resume the Bible Club, God willing, next school year.

## **CHURCH MEMBERS**

Please continue to pray for the older members of the church, that they would feel stronger and have renewed enthusiasm to attend services and be a witness to their family and neighbours.

Please pray for Paquita and her husband, Antonio, who has had cataract surgery and has completed his chemotherapy which went quite well.

After some months without work, Germán is working again and he and his wife, Eva, are strong in the Lord. Germán has

completed the first year of studies in the Sefovan training and, although it was hard work, he is encouraged.

Juana is feeling better; please keep praying for her to be strengthened and comforted in the Lord.

Please pray for Sofi, Ramón, Sara, David and their children. Pray that David will reveal what is in his heart and confess the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour.

## **OUR FAMILY**

Please pray for us as a family. Chani is still having twice-weekly treatment for her shoulder and neck. She has successfully completed the camp leader training.

Jenni has nearly finished her school year and, thanks to God, is doing well. We thank the Lord for the therapists who help her with the various situations she has to manage at school.

Please continue to pray for us that God would encourage us, strengthen us and give us wisdom and vision to carry out our work in the church for the Lord.

Many thanks, dear brothers and sisters, for your faithful prayers, love and practical support. May the Lord reward you.

With love in Christ, in whom we place our hope.

***Sergio, Chani and Jennifer***

