



# Pray for Spain

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



*Santa Cruz de Mudela  
(Picasa)*

**“God’s voice thunders in marvellous ways;  
he does great things beyond our understanding.”**

**(Job 37:5)**

# **MORAL DE CALATRAVA**

José Luís, Noemí, Natanael & Eric



*"The Lord has done great things for us,  
and we are filled with joy." Psalm 126:3*

Dear friends,

It is so important to remember the great things the Lord has done for us. As believers, our minds are sometimes weak and forgetful. It's easy to forget God's goodness to us, His blessings shown in simple things such as daily breath, food to eat, clothes to wear and a roof over our heads. We take these for granted, as though we deserve them, making us forget to thank the Lord for each blessing. We fail to look to the Lord and tell Him: "What GREAT things You have done in my life". God is wonderful and He is working each day in our life. The greatest work He has done in us is to give us GREAT SALVATION, and from that redemption experience spring up all the heavenly blessings in Christ Jesus for us to enjoy now or in the future. So, friends, don't fail to be thankful to our God and Saviour for the great things He has done in our lives, for which "we are filled with joy", even in the midst of continuing daily struggles. May God bless and keep you!

## **PRAY FOR MEMBERS' HEALTH**

As ever, let's continue to pray for the health of our brothers and sisters. Remember our sister Paula, suffering with gall stones that are causing many health complications. Pray also for Amalia who experiences highs and lows due to depression. Also for Josefina who suffers greatly with Lupus disease, with much pain from sores in her hands; the cold weather affects this a lot and she is not able to attend services as she would wish. Pray for Maribel and Ambrosio; he fell recently and hurt his face. Finally, pray for Nataly, a young woman suffering from fibromyalgia making it difficult to lead a normal life and attend meetings. Please pray for all these dear brothers and sisters.

## **VISIT TO OLD PEOPLE'S HOME**

In December, after being unable to visit them for almost two years, we went to the old people's home. Observing all the Covid protocol, we were able to carry out the Christmas activity. We sung three Christmas carols, briefly shared the gospel and gave them a gift (set of handkerchiefs and sugar-free sweets that they like so much).



## **NEW PEOPLE ATTENDING MEETINGS**

New people are attending, such as Ana María. This sister is 83 and attends meetings as often as she can for her age. Her son Alexander comes with her, although we don't know if he is a believer or not. He has stopped attending since his two siblings arrived to be here with his mother for a while. Pray that God would work in the heart of Ana María's family.

Ermigildo wants to progress with his commitment to the Lord. Since he has been attending services more regularly he seems happy and wants to be part of the congregation. Pray for his family and that he will receive the papers he needs.

Fredy is often unable to attend services. His job is in Valencia and currently he is in Jaén, so he is working and travelling every day. Pray for stability for him, for the legal papers he needs and that his family may be able to come to live in Moral.

## **DISCIPLING**

We hold various Bible studies currently. Our sister Encarna is discipling Nataly. It is hard for Nataly to be constant in her studies, due to all her work and also family problems as her parents' marriage crisis is getting worse. Please pray for her parents, Carlos and Jenny.

Noemí is discipling Mari Nieves and Tere; they are pleased and show good interest. They faithfully carry out the homework and when they are studying at home they always ring me with really deep questions that arise, proving they are keen to do this study. Pray especially for Tere who does not yet attend services, though we trust that the Lord will work in her sooner or later.

Finally, I am holding a Bible study with several young gypsies – believers who live in Hellín in the Albacete province. They belong to a church that does not have a pastor and they want to learn more about the Scriptures and have asked me to disciple them. Two attend at present and we meet through Zoom. We are studying Christology in the next few months.

### **SEFOVAN BIBLE TRAINING BY EXTENSION**

This year we were able to have a Christmas meal with the students who, thanks to God, are progressing in their Bible training. We are very thankful to the Lord for each of them. In May this year, God willing, we will be able to have a formal graduation ceremony in Madrid for the 13 students from the first group and one from the second group who graduated this year. We thank the Lord for enabling us to carry out this Bible-training ministry that is much needed for the Lord's church in these times.



### **MISSION WORKERS' MEETING**

The Mission workers met in January this year. We enjoyed fellowship together as well as praying for our families and for the work. The workers are encouraged and we are looking forward to resuming ministries this summer, including the evangelistic campaign and the holiday Bible clubs. Pray about our future projects. Please pray in particular for the workers' families and for the workers themselves.

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

14 December 2021 marked 25 years of marriage for Noemí and me. We couldn't celebrate the occasion together because she was

in Galicia with her parents, and the boys and I were here in Moral. Nor have we celebrated since, as we haven't had time. Well, I think we will celebrate one day ... maybe when we reach 50 years, God willing.

Here is a photo of us with my in-laws. As you can see, my father-in-law, Daniel, looks fine; indeed he is doing well, thanks to God.

The PSA levels are very low and under control and his heart is very good. But he does have memory problems; the dementia advances every day and it shows. Please pray for them, keeping in mind my mother-in-law, Manuela, who has to bear the burden of caring for him and seeing his mind gradually deteriorate.



For now, Natanael is unemployed. Due to lack of supplies, the firm had to stop some jobs; he has had no work for a month. Pray for him – he's very far from the Lord and this worries us as parents.

Please pray for Eric and his studies. He isn't very focused on them and needs to pass this school year if he wants to continue with his plans. Please remember him and pray that his relationship with the Lord will not grow cold.

Remember Noemí and her studies. Early in February she has several exams that she needs to pass; please pray for her.

We need wisdom for the ministry and also for our daily life as a couple and as parents. Bring us to the Lord in your prayers; we need your support in prayer for us and our sons.

Dear friends, thank you for your prayers. We need your support before our dear Lord's throne of grace. Without Him we are nothing and can do nothing. To Him alone be the glory!

Please accept our love and gratitude in Christ.

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



# **SANTA CRUZ DE MUDELA**

Sergio, Chani & Jennifer



*"Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations." Psalm 145:13*

Dearly beloved in the Lord,

We are so thankful to our heavenly father for His faithfulness and provision, and we give thanks in our prayers for each one of you who plays an important part in enabling the Lord's work here to continue. Thank you for your love and concern for the work in the Santa Cruz de

Mudela church. We know you remember us in your hearts and prayers.

## **COVID-19**

The pandemic situation in Spain has become more complicated, as in many countries. Infections are increasing and this affected us this Christmas as Chani tested positive for Covid, but thanks to God she was without symptoms. She had to quarantine but Jenni and I were not infected. We were unable to be with our children and grandchildren but the three of us spent the Christmas period at home; it was a bit sad, missing the family. We are well, praise the Lord. Chani was given the MRI scan result and she has an inflamed bile duct that may be the cause of her stomach problems, although the gastroenterologist won't be able to see her until mid-April.

## **CHURCH FAMILY**

Paquita's husband was admitted to hospital with Covid before Christmas and passed away on 16 January. He had often heard the gospel but we do not know if he submitted his life to the Lord before he died. The night before Antonio died, Paquita had been speaking with him about needing to get right with the Lord. Only God knows what he did about it. Let's pray for Paquita that the Lord would comfort her and strengthen her as she now needs to cope with the loneliness she feels at this time, although she remains firm and strong in the Lord.

Sara was also infected with Covid and David had it the previous week but was asymptomatic; the children are negative at the moment. We need to pray that they will soon recover and we can be together again as a church.

Thanks to the Lord, Sofi and Ramón continue to be free from infection. Pray for them that the Lord would continue protecting and strengthening Sofi so she can help Ramón who is unwell.

Before Christmas, Eva had a fall and broke a shoulder bone but did not need surgery. Thanks to God she is getting better and having rehabilitation to recover movement and strength in her arm.

Germán is still well and helping her a lot at present; he stopped work over Christmas and won't be back at work until February.

The other brothers and sisters are doing well, although some are a bit disappointed with the whole situation of not being able to hold meetings in the normal way. Please pray for them regarding this matter.

As a church, we want to thank the churches and individuals for gifts received to help us buy 40 chairs we needed for our church premises.

We thank God that the chairs have been delivered.

Here are some photos so you can see the blessing in which you have played a part.



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

Please pray that the Lord would continue to protect our older children and our grandchildren, and help them in the midst of the problems they are facing.

We ask you to keep praying for us in our pastoral work. Visits to church brothers and sisters and others who are interested in the gospel are limited because of the restrictions and rather high infection rates in the town at the moment. Pray too that the Lord would give us strength, encouragement, wisdom and vision that we need to be able carry out our work for the Lord in this area and in the church.

Many thanks, brothers and sisters, for the prayers, love and practical support you give us so faithfully. May the Lord reward you for your diligence.

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

***Sergio, Chani and Jennifer***

## ***Spanish Experience – reminder***

### **Provisional date: a week in mid-September**

There has been an initial show of interest in this year's Spanish Experience, which involves visiting the Mission churches whilst staying at the Mission House.

Travel will be organised from Madrid airport to the Mission House in Valdepeñas.

You will sample the food and culture and meet the Spanish pastors and church members.

Please contact us by 1 April if you are interested in joining the group.

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