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# **SPOTLIGHT ON SPAIN**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

***And the word of the Lord was being spread  
throughout the region (Acts 13:49)***

Paul and Barnabas may have felt that whenever they proclaimed the gospel something got in the way, but they persevered. When persecuted, they moved on and fresh opportunities arose, then renewed opposition. So the gospel continued to spread.

## **HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUBS**

Now in Spain, after a hiatus of two years due to Covid, there are plans to continue to hold Holiday Bible Clubs in the Mission churches. Let us pray for:

- The preparation of the classes and activities
- The respective permits from the town halls (in the case of Manzanares we will hold the Club outside, in the square where the church is located)
- A good number of children and absence of any prejudice from the parents
- Much spiritual fruit

## **EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN**

Similarly, after two years the churches are resuming the Summer Evangelistic Campaign. Pray for:

- The preparation of the Gospel Campaign from 11 to 23 July

- A group of young people from Exodus from 13 to 22 July to support the outreach
- Permission from the town councils (plan is to visit six villages; some will be for a few days)
- A service which is scheduled to take place in the square adjacent to the Manzanares church on Saturday 23 July
- May the Lord be pleased to bless these events with great success and expand His kingdom

## **NEWS FROM MORAL DE CALATRAVA**

In December, after being unable for almost two years, some of the church members went to the old people's home. Observing all the Covid protocol, they were able to sing carols, share a brief gospel message and give them gifts of handkerchiefs and sugar-free sweets which they all enjoyed.

### **New people**

In March, José Luís asked for prayer for the new people in the congregation. Ana María who is 83, Ermigildo who is attending more regularly and Fredy who works away and so is often unable to attend the services.

About a month and a half ago, a neighbour phoned Noemí; she is a woman we have helped in the past with food and other necessities. She called asking for advice, because her husband had left in a van for Poland together with another man from Moral, who is from Ukraine but has been living here for 20 years. This neighbour's name is Alejandro, and he went to Ukraine to collect his sisters and nephews. In total there were two adult women, a teenage girl and four minors. While they were travelling back, Noemí told our neighbour that we could help with food, clothes and guidance with social services, and so we did. We collected a lot of food, clothes, brand-new mattresses, pillows and bed bases for them that a company from Moral donated to us for free. When the family arrived, they already had everything installed, with food at home and clothes, as they had left their country with only what they were wearing.

We also helped another family who went to collect their loved ones in Ukraine. In total, with the Lord's help, we have been able to support 17 Ukrainian

refugees who are now living in Moral, along with their families. The most beautiful thing about this is not only to be able to help others, but to see how our beloved God can use each one of his children, and to see the faces of those who receive help. It is a very special moment of great personal blessing.

And as always, our God never ceases to surprise us. I tell you this because among these people that we have helped, unknown to us, were fellow Christians. Tatiana and her daughter Yula, together with her sister Mariana, are believers. And since they arrived, they have been attending the meetings together with their children. So the Lord has blessed us with these sisters and children. Mariana plays the piano and the guitar, and she has joined the congregation's worship team and is being a great help and blessing!

Let us continue to pray for peace in Ukraine, and for these families. May the Lord help us to care for them.



*Ukrainians worshipping at Moral de Calatrava*

## Family matters

Noemí's father is increasingly affected by dementia; however, his cancer is under control.

Their younger son, Eric, is hoping to finish his studies well enough to enrol on a course which will give him a qualification in sport. Natanael wants to go back to university to take up his psychology degree. Please pray for both – may God work powerfully in their lives.

Noemí is preparing for her final exams this year and must study for long hours, as well as deal with her responsibilities at home and church. As for her health, the hospital has given her an experimental treatment for migraines and, so far, it seems to be having some positive effect, as she has fewer headaches.

## NEWS FROM MANZANARES

A new ministry began in December: voluntary work with the elderly. The town council have set up a project for volunteers to keep people company during certain times of the week. Miki, India and Noemí, three ladies from the church, have signed up to get involved. Prayer is asked that there would be opportunities to share the gospel.

### New people

Andrés is a work colleague of two of the church members; he and his wife have started attending the services. His wife is particularly enthusiastic and, after her first attendance, made the comment "this is what I was looking for".

Roberto and his wife are from Membrilla, a town three miles from Manzanares. The church has been distributing tracts and praying for Membrilla for several years so the arrival of this couple is a great encouragement.

Catholicism is very ingrained in this small town, and the people venerate the Virgin of the Thorn Bush, for whom they have built a huge sanctuary where people come to make their petitions to the virgin and render tribute to her, even financially. We seek the Lord's guidance as to whether to establish a church there.

Pray for the testimony given at the wedding of Alwin and Marta on Saturday 7 May, attended by 124 non-believers, most of whom were from Membrilla. Most of the people who attended were first-time gospel hearers. This enabled Manolo and Toñy to have good conversations about the love of Christ with several people, including the catholic priest who attended the ceremony. We pray that the Lord will raise interest in these people for the gospel.



*Wedding in Membrilla*



## Family matters

Toñy's parents, Vicente and Juana, give cause for concern. Vicente has early-stage dementia, as well as prostate problems. Juana continues with pain in her bladder, is very downhearted and eats very little.

Saray's husband, Emi, is still without work since he injured his hand in a work-related accident.

## NEWS FROM SANTA CRUZ DE MUDELA

### Church family news

Paquita's husband, Antonio, was admitted to hospital at the end of last year and died on 16 January. He had often heard the gospel, but it is not known if he submitted his life to the Lord before he died. The night before he died Paquita had been speaking to him about needing to get right with the Lord. She remains firm and strong in the Lord but needs prayer to deal with loneliness.

Several church members have had Covid-19, but none of them had any lasting effects from the virus. Sofi struggles to deal with her wheelchair-bound husband, Ramón. Eva has been recovering from a broken shoulder due to a fall.

The church would like to thank the churches and individuals who sent gifts to buy 40 chairs needed for the main church meeting room.



Contact continues with a family in the neighbouring small town of Almuradiel. The husband professes faith in the Lord but has continuing problems fighting his drug addiction.

We are planning a Holiday Bible Club from 27 June to 1 July. Pray that many children will attend and enjoy hearing the good news of the gospel.

## Family matters

Chani has had Covid twice at the end of last year and in early May but has recovered well. She continues to have stomach problems and has been referred to a gastroenterologist.

## NEWS FROM MONESCILLO MISSION HOUSE

Pepe and Lidia remind us of the privilege they feel as students gather one Saturday a month to follow the theological training course by extension, called SEFOVAN.

The craft workshop has resumed its weekly meetings and prayer is asked particularly for María José, one of the ladies who attends; she has had many trials in her life and has spiritual concerns.

The Centre is increasingly busy, which is a reason for thanksgiving after two years of very little activity due to the pandemic. A women's retreat focusing on inner health took place recently and various church groups plan to visit.

The Centre is the focus of much activity in July when the evangelistic campaign takes place in the towns of the Mission churches and beyond. Helpers and visitors stay, and meetings take place. It is a time of great busyness but there are times of fun and fellowship too.



The building is always being renovated and renewed. They have recently been replacing the old mattresses, pillows and covers with new ones, made possible through donations.

The Centre will be especially busy over the summer months, hosting groups from the UK as well as Spain. Please pray for Pepe and Lidia as this is the hottest time of the year, making working conditions more difficult.



## MALCOLM LANE

Having completed his race with wonderful consistency, Malcolm went to be with his Lord on 17 May 2022 after battling with cancer for a year. At a recent Council meeting not long before his death there was no hint of discouragement at the Lord's dealings with him. Rather the opposite, he had a strong conviction that the Lord's plans were right and good.



We can say as a Mission that the hallmark of his service was a godly ability and responsibility which he displayed as a supporter, then Treasurer and more recently a well-loved and highly esteemed Chairman. The Mission has been privileged to have his help and thank the Lord for him. We continue to pray for Malcolm's wife Ruth, that she knows the peace and comfort of the Lord in this season of loss.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT – 2021

	£ Unrestricted Funds (General)	£ Restricted Funds (Income)	£ Total Funds
Gross income of continuing operations	31,824	19,541	51,365
Non-charitable income	1	-	1
Total incoming resources	31,825	19,541	51,366
Resources expended	21,491	35,205	56,696
Net incoming resources for the year	10,334	(15,664)	(5,330)

For two years running we have seen a deficit in our funds. The deficit this year of £5,330 is half that of last year.

Our funds are now quite low, but we have always managed to bounce back from such adversity. Therefore, we have agreed that we must continue to support the workers in Spain at the same rate despite this.

We continue to pray for new support and for the spread of the gospel in Spain.

*Simon Nobbs, Treasurer*

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