



Pray for Spain

August/September 2024



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



Campo de Criptana, Castilla-La Mancha

“I live in the spirit of prayer. I pray as I walk about, when I lie down and when I rise up. And the answers are always coming.”

(George Muller)

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MANZANARES

Manuel and Toñy Valero



Then Jesus went round teaching from village to village. (Mark 6:6b)

When writing these prayer points, we were in the middle of the evangelistic campaign, going around various nearby towns to proclaim the gospel message. Following Jesus's example, we were visiting small towns where there is no evangelical witness at all. Despite the extreme heat in La Mancha and people's hard hearts, we were eagerly continuing to present the only One

who can give salvation: Christ Jesus.

Again, we thank you for supporting us by approaching the Throne of Grace. Here are some items for prayer:

NEW PEOPLE

Due to many people immigrating to Spain at present, especially from Latin American countries, churches are receiving many people who profess faith in the Lord; some are true believers, others just nominal evangelicals. Most come without work and many of them cannot work until they have their necessary documents, causing us to give material help to several families.

Please pray that:

- ✓ As a church, we would know what help to give.
- ✓ The Lord would provide the immigrants with work.
- ✓ Those who are believers would join the church.
- ✓ Those who are not believers would turn to Christ.

EVANGELISTIC WORK

The different discipling groups for both believers and nonbelievers.

How we relate to some unbelieving husbands whose wives are in our congregation.

The Holiday Bible Club for children held the last week of July, when about 30 children and some parents heard the gospel.

The Evangelistic Campaign in various nearby towns.

The special service we held on 21 July when Ruth (daughter of Alwin and Marta) was presented to the Lord. Marta's parents and siblings, who are not believers, attended.

Please pray that:

- ✓ The Lord would give us wisdom to know how to teach His word and apply it to each person's situation.
- ✓ The Lord would give fruit from teaching and preaching His word.
- ✓ The Lord would touch the hearts of Spanish people.



The Holiday Bible Club team



The Evangelistic Campaign literature table

PASTORAL WORK

Visits to church families.

The two "Healing Wounded Hearts" groups (one for men and one for women), where we are treating hearts that have been wounded by traumas. The material we use is purely the Bible.

The "safe space" group for young women.

Counselling carried out by Noemí with various people in the church.

Please pray for:

- ✓ More openness for the members of each group when expressing their emotions, fears, experiences, etc.
- ✓ Wisdom for the leaders of each group to know how to reach people.
- ✓ More people in the church to be added to the groups.

OUR PARENTS

As you know, José (Manolo's father) and Vicente (Toñy's father) live in the same old people's home. We thank the Lord that they have fitted in well there. They are both in good health, but Vicente is a bit weaker especially in his legs; he is slightly anaemic and is having iron injections.

Please pray that:

- ✓ They can remain encouraged in this stage of their lives.
- ✓ The joy of the Lord would fill their hearts with the great hope they have in Christ.
- ✓ Vicente would recover some strength in his legs.
- ✓ Both would be a living testimony for Christ to the other residents.

Once again, many thanks for praying for the work here in Manzanares.

Manolo and Toñy

MONESCILLO MISSION HOUSE

José and Lidia Valero



Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" (Matthew 14:31)

I'm amazed at Peter's courage. To get out of the boat to walk on the sea towards Jesus with the strong wind blowing is not cowardly. Yet Matthew tells us that, although he was courageous, when he saw the storm he doubted and began to sink. Jesus reproached him for his lack of faith, but not before reaching out His hand to save him.

Needless to say, we are all like Peter. We often doubt God's power to hold us firm whatever our circumstances. Why do we doubt? Jesus gives us the answer: due to our "little faith". Sometimes this causes us to sink in our own sins and not to look at Jesus who has the power to save us from our failures.

We thank the Lord for helping us through these summer months in the activities we have carried out in Monescillo – in spite of our lack of faith! So we are grateful for God's provision as well as for the prayers and support of our brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Here are some prayer points:

CHILDREN'S CAMP

This year, the children's camp was very special. We had been about to cancel it as there wasn't much response, but the Lord supplied in His time and we had 11 children who greatly enjoyed singing, dancing, playing ... and learning from God's word. This time our helpers were Joanna (from England), Elías (from Peru) and a group of young monitors led by Noemí Valero.

Let's pray for the children and their parents, some of whom are not believers but we were able to talk to them about the Lord. The seed was planted and the Lord will give fruit in His time.



Children's camp 2024

SUMMER CAMPAIGN

As in each year, we held the summer campaign in July. This time the group from Northern Ireland were not here in Monescillo, but we were blessed to have Josh, a young British man who was with us through the campaign, practising his Spanish and taking part in personal evangelism. Please pray for the people who received God's word and let's ask the Lord to raise up men and women committed to sowing the seed of His word.



Summer campaign 2024 (Valdepeñas)

As always, we want to thank you for your support and prayer. The Lord always hears the prayers of His children and blesses those who trust in Him.

Blessings,

Lidia and José

MISSION SECRETARIES

David & Jacky Cogman



Yet I considered it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker and fellow soldier, but your messenger and the one who ministered to my need. (Philippians 2:25)

It appears that Epaphroditus was a diligent, hard-working, spiritual man with a caring heart and the tenacity of a soldier. Clearly Paul esteemed him highly because of his useful service. The church in Philippi was fortunate to have such a supporter. Another man who took them under his wing was Timothy. Of him Paul commented, "For I have no one like-minded who will sincerely care for your state, for all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:20,21).

DEPUTATION 1

We are glad to see that, in some measure, we can see this biblical missionary pattern operating in the Spanish Gospel Mission. In fact, we are amazed to be able to observe the sum and scope of the multitude of its committed supporters spread over the UK. Even this prayer update is the result of the work of many volunteers who are willing to translate, edit, collate, fill envelopes (and even pay for the postage) so that we can keep in touch with you all. In addition, we continue to give thanks to the Lord for opportunities to visit churches and update them on the

work of the Mission. Our most recent meetings were at Hoylake Evangelical Church (Wirral) and Chorley Evangelical Free Church (*see photo*). Please pray for more such opportunities.



SPANISH EXPERIENCE

For some, who wish to see the work at first hand, there is the Spanish Experience. 11 people are planning to go out to the Mission House and visit the Mission churches from 14 to 21 September. Please pray for safety in travel and that all would be encouraged and be an encouragement during the time there.

DEPUTATION 2

Sergio, Chani and Jenny from the Santa Cruz church are on deputation from 10 to 21 October. After attending the UK Council meeting, we will be visiting, God willing, the following churches: Bromborough Evangelical Church, Wirral; Belvidere Road Church, Liverpool; and two or three others yet to be confirmed.

UK COUNCIL

We ask for prayer for the vital work of the Council, for health and wisdom for each member. Some are pastors or elders and others in full-time employment, yet they serve extra time to guide the Mission. It is no small task! Please pray for them as they seek to maintain the vision for the future.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

David and Jacky