

Prayer is asked for the Mission Chairman, Simon Nobbs, whose kidney transplant operation is scheduled for 17 April. Pray for a successful operation and good recovery.

It's not too early to start praying for the organisation and planning of the Holiday Bible Clubs in all three of the Mission churches. The dates are 23-27 June. Can you or someone from your church or family go along to help with these activities? They would love to see you. There are people there who can help with language interpretation. Accommodation would be in the newly renamed Liberty Centre (the Mission House) in Valdepeñas. This does incur a small charge for board and lodging. From there you would be taken to the Clubs to take part in the fun and games! Please get in touch if you are interested:

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José Luis has set up a YouTube channel which has videos of previous years' activities:

https://youtube.com/@sgm_mee?si=CnngMF4KGWFTfErg

We enjoyed a time of fellowship with Doncaster Evangelical Church last December and ask that you pray for more opportunities to share the need for Spain amongst UK churches. Can we visit your church to give an update – it could be for a mid-week meeting, a ladies' meeting or a Sunday service?



Other activities for us include a visit to North Preston Evangelical Church and accompanying our Mission friends, Derek and Louise McKinney and their team from Northern Ireland, as they get involved in the evangelistic campaign in July.

Our next Zoom prayer meeting will be on Thursday 24 April.

David and Jacky



Pray for Spain

April/May 2025



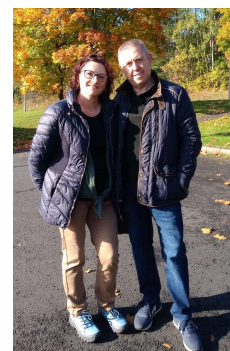
***A work of faith and labour of love
for the glory of Christ until He comes***

Rejoice always, pray continually.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

MANZANARES

Manuel and Toñy Valero



Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy.
(Matthew 8:3)

I have always been impressed by the way Jesus related to vulnerable people. It was always with pure compassion, emotional and spiritual as well as physical. Jesus could have healed this leper with a word and no physical contact at all, but He decided to touch him. Why? Because the Lord wanted to heal his heart as well as his body. This man, despised and cast out even by his family, needed to feel that someone loved him close up and without prejudice.

In the same way, Jesus comes close to us today, showing us His love because, when we know that God loves us and wants to restore us, life takes on a new meaning; we no longer feel despised but embraced by the One to whom we mean so much. Jesus' love is what our people in Spain need so much, and we are the ones who need to proclaim and reflect that love.

We'd like to share the following prayer requests with you:

WEDDING: ALEX AND ESTER

On Saturday 1 March we celebrated the marriage of two young people in our church: Alex and Ester. The ceremony, as well as the reception, was a precious time of enjoyment and sharing the gospel. Half of the guests were unbelievers, and they were all impacted by the ceremony which was so different from what people are used to, whether in the Catholic Church or other secular ceremonies. We had some good opportunities to speak personally about the gospel with some of them.



Let us pray:

- ✓ For Alex and Ester in their new life as a Christian married couple.
- ✓ For Alex's family who are not believers, that they would come to the Lord.
- ✓ For all the people who showed an interest in the gospel.

MARRIED COUPLES' MEETING

We have resumed the meetings for married couples. Until now it has been very hard to keep these meetings going, due to reduced interest. We thank the Lord that now most of the married couples in the congregation are interested in meeting.



Let us pray:

- ✓ That their interest will continue.
- ✓ For each couple – some of them have much to put in order in their life and relationship.
- ✓ That the principles found in God's word will govern our homes and our children's education.

MISSION SECRETARIES

David and Jacky Cogman



They have hands but they do not handle; feet they have but they do not walk; nor do they mutter through their throat. Those who make them are like them; so is everyone who trusts in them. O Israel, trust in the Lord; He is their help and their shield. (Psalm 115:7-9)

Please join us in prayer that the Lord's power will penetrate the spiritual numbness caused by idolatry all over Spain as we approach Easter.

*Holy Week
procession in
Moral de Calatrava*



This photo was taken at Peter and Jenny Thackeray's last Council meeting as members. We give thanks for their over 30 years of service – Peter serving as Chairman for many years and Jenny as Treasurer. We will miss them.

FOR THE GBE EVENT

We thank God for the privilege of holding a camp organised by the Student Bible Group (GBE) from the Ciudad Real province. A Christian psychologist spoke to 40 teenagers who came from various parts of the province. Let's pray for these young people and give thanks to God that these Christian events are being organised.



FOR WORK TO BE DONE IN THE DINING ROOM

Some time ago, we thought about removing the column from the middle of the dining room. Sometimes it prevents us from carrying out very simple activities in this room. That's why we decided that work should be done to remove the column. The idea is to put two girders in the ceiling to support the upper floor, thus freeing up all the downstairs area. Therefore, let's pray that the Lord would help us to fund this project (very costly, of course) and protect us from accidents throughout the process.



As the room would be without the column (Photoshop)

Thank you for your prayers.

Greetings in Christ,

José and Lidia

SANDRA AND HER MOTHER

Alejandra (her daughter is one of our church young people) is suffering from metastatic colon cancer and the doctors have told her there is nothing more that they can do for her. Alejandra is not a believer, although she has often heard the gospel through her daughter and those of us in the church who befriend her.

Let us pray:

- ✓ That the Lord would have mercy on Alejandra's life and heal her body.
- ✓ That Alejandra would think about the Lord and come to Him to be saved.
- ✓ For comfort and strength for Sandra as she cares for her mother.
- ✓ That Sandra would witness hope in Christ for all the family.

FRANCO AND SOFÍA

Five months after losing their son, Franco and Sofía are processing their grief well. Sofía is pregnant again. We have started a trauma healing programme with them both. It is going very well, especially for Franco due to the many wounds experienced in his past life. (He comes from a broken home.)

Let us pray:

- ✓ For emotional healing and spiritual salvation for Franco.
- ✓ For Sofía's pregnancy, classified as risky.

ENZO AND CAMILA

They are another young couple in the congregation; their situation is rather difficult as they are in Spain irregularly and are without work. They live in a very rough room with a concrete floor, unplastered walls, no kitchen and no heating. Camila is 7 months pregnant. As a church we are helping to cover their most basic needs. They are both children of believers and, although they went away from the Lord, they have now come back. We are holding discipling classes with them.

Let us pray:

- ✓ That the Lord would provide work for them to meet their needs and regularise their situation.

- ✓ For a suitable place to live.
- ✓ For the birth and the child to be born.
- ✓ Genuine conversion to Christ and spiritual growth.

TOÑY'S FATHER

We thank God that Vicente is stable with regard to his renal failure and dementia. He had pancreatitis a few months ago and his pancreas is swollen, causing him weakness and discomfort.

Please pray:

- ✓ That the inflammation in his pancreas will subside.
- ✓ That the Lord would renew Vicente's strength and the joy of his salvation.

Thank you for praying for our family and the work in Manzanares.

Manolo and Toñy



Toñy with Vicente and her brothers

LIBERTAD MISSION HOUSE

José and Lidia Valero



You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.
(Galatians 5:13)

LIBERTAD (FREEDOM)

Dear brothers and sisters, we know that God doesn't give us freedom to do whatever we want to. No, Biblical freedom is a privilege that binds us to serve one another, as we are God's servants. Previously slaves to sin, under a law that was against us, now we are under the law of love and are servants of the One who set our souls free, Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord.

Having thought about such things, some time ago the Lord put it on our hearts to change the name of the Christian Centre where we work. Until now it has been known as Monescillo, after the street where the Centre is located. Monescillo was a very important Catholic cardinal living in Spain a long time ago. But this name in no way represents us and our *raison d'être*.

However, the main entrance to the Centre is on the street called Libertad (Freedom). This Biblical word does represent who we are as Christians and is directly related to our ministry. The Lord has freed us from sin in order to become free servants working willingly in His work of mercy and salvation. That is why we decided to change Monescillo to the new name LIBERTAD – a precious name, full of significance for God's people.

As always, we thank you for your prayers and interest and we would be pleased if you would continue to pray, as follows.

FOR THE MARRIED COUPLES' WORKSHOP

Once a month some of us from the Valdepeñas church meet together as married couples to study Christian marriage. Let us ask the Lord to help us to strengthen our families and couples in order to do away with the ideas of a world bombarding us by breaking up the family unit in society and in the church.

FOR THE RETREATS WE SHALL HOLD IN MAY – ONE FOR BOYS AND ONE FOR GIRLS

Let's pray for the young people who will attend these events, that the Lord would guide the preaching so that those who hear His voice during that time will be challenged, healed and encouraged; and that, if it is His will, He will save souls for His glory and raise up young people fit to work for Him.

FOR THE CHILDREN'S BILINGUAL CAMP

We are preparing for the children's camp which will take place from 2 to 5 July. This is a good opportunity to help the children to know the Lord. We have a good group of helpers and we pray that many children may come. Let us ask the Lord to protect us during that time and that the children and parents who come may know the truths we find in His word, the Bible.