



# Pray for Spain

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



*Villanueva de los Infantes*



**"Thanks be to God for  
His indescribable gift!"**

(2 Corinthians 9:15)



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# MANZANARES

## Manuel and Toñy Valero



*But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.*  
(Malachi 4:2)

As God's people, we look forward to that final day when our Saviour, Christ Jesus, will appear in glory to consummate the great salvation He has won for us. On that day, with glorified bodies, we shall leap for joy like young calves in the meadow on a spring morning, because we shall then be fully aware of the glorious salvation He came to give us. However, until that day our church continues preaching that wonderful salvation so that many may accept it.

We sing a popular chorus in Spain, stating: "The church keeps on walking and nothing will stop it preaching". Opposition? Of course there's opposition! But the Lord of the church has promised to be with us to the end of the world, therefore the church continues and will continue "walking and preaching".

Here are some prayer requests:

### FRANCO AND SOFÍA

In October a routine checkup at eight months into the pregnancy revealed that Sofía's baby had died. Labour was induced, but after 36 hours she gave birth to her lifeless baby. This has been a very hard blow for the whole family, especially Franco.

*Please pray:*

- ✓ That the Lord will bring comfort in the midst of the pain and sorrow.
- ✓ Give thanks for Sofía's strength as she rests in the Lord.
- ✓ That this loss will not prevent Franco from continuing to show much interest in the gospel. (Every Monday Franco attends the Bible study we have with all the family.)

- ✓ For the nonbelievers who attended the baby's interment at the funeral home, especially Franco's friend Jairo who has started attending Sunday services.
- ✓ That as a church we would know how to be the support that the family needs.

### **BAPTISMAL CANDIDATES**

We are thrilled to learn that five people from our congregation have asked to be baptised; most of them are young people.

*Please pray:*

- ✓ Giving thanks to God because He goes on saving people.
- ✓ For the preparation for baptism and discipling.
- ✓ That the faith of each one will continue to be firm as they prepare for this act of obedience to Christ.
- ✓ For new candidates in the congregation.

### **PREMARITAL COURSE**

We have two couples in the congregation who want to get married: Alex and Ester, Enzo and Camila. We have started a premarital course for each couple.

*Please pray:*

- ✓ That the Lord would give Manolo and Toñy wisdom to know how to teach the Biblical principles on marriage.
- ✓ For discernment to pastor each of them with their various questions.
- ✓ That both couples will apply what they learn to their life.
- ✓ For work for Enzo and Camila as they are unemployed and have hardly any financial resources.

### **THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

On 24 November we held a thanksgiving service.

*Please pray:*

- ✓ For the unbelievers who attended to be impacted by the believers' actions of thanksgiving to God for His blessings.

## CHRISTMAS OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

As with every Christmas, we shall take the opportunity to preach the gospel in special ways.

*Please pray for:*

- ✓ Permission to carry out a musical visit to the old people's home in Manzanares and the Social Centre in Membrilla.
- ✓ The tracts and calendars that we shall distribute.
- ✓ The Christmas meal, that it will be a blessed time of fellowship.
- ✓ The Christmas service, for the unbelievers who we invite.

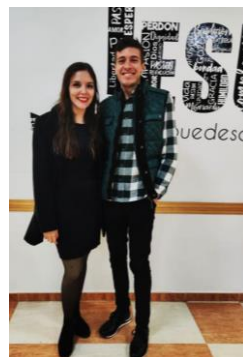
## OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILD

*Please pray for:*

- ✓ Rubén and Deborah in their jobs (Rubén as an electronic technician and Déborah as a school teacher); also as a couple, as parents and in their ministries in the church.
- ✓ Eva, our granddaughter, already in second year of Infants, for her physical, emotional and spiritual wellbeing.
- ✓ Emi and Saray, for their personal growth as believers and as a Christian couple; also for the theological course that Emi is undertaking and for work for Saray.



*Discipling day with the family of Jorge and Gabriela*



*Alex and Ester to marry in March*

Many thanks for praying for our family and the work in Manzanares.

***Manolo and Toñy***

# **MONESCILLO MISSION HOUSE**

José and Lidia Valero



*"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."*

*(Matthew 1:21)*

Christmas is coming when we remember the birth of Jesus in a special way. The Son of God becoming a baby boy is the

most amazing event ever! Can you imagine the looks on the angels' faces seeing their creator come to this earth, being born in a stable and sleeping in a manger? They would certainly be amazed, as were the shepherds, the wise men from the east, and Mary and Joseph cuddling the baby in their arms or wrapping Him up to protect Him from the cold.

Thinking on these things amazes me because of what Jesus has been able to do for me. In fact, our Lord has done so much for us this year that is coming to a close. So we would like you to be amazed together with us, giving thanks as we remember some of the things the Lord has done, especially in our ministry throughout this past year.

## **FOR HIS PROVISION**

We thank God that as of now Monescillo is in a better financial situation. Our daily prayer is that the Lord would provide for His work, and He has done so. We are very grateful for the money the Lord has sent us this year to cover the centre's expenses and to enable us to carry on improving the facilities. We are also very grateful for all those who have given towards this ministry. May the Lord bless you!

## **FOR HIS HELP AND PROTECTION**

We thank God for giving us the health and strength we need to do the work. Indeed, He has kept us from accidents and anything that could have given us significant problems.



## FOR THE WORK HE ALLOWS US TO DO

We particularly thank God for two activities that are being a real blessing: the ladies' meeting and the married couples' workshop. We thank Him that these can continue in the future. We have seen fellowship with one another grow, and we have witnessed to several people who are not believers. We pray that the Lord would continue to give fruit in our lives through these activities.



*Married couples' dinner*



*Young women's afternoon tea*



*Alterations to the outside wall of the Library*

We don't want to go without wishing you a happy Christmas! We hope you will spend a peaceful and restful time with your family, remembering that our Lord came into this world. We pray that the Lord will help and guard you through this special time. Thank you for praying for us. God willing, next year we shall go on being amazed because of His power and we shall be able to continue praising Him for His goodness.

Yours in Christ,

**José and Lidia**

# MISSION SECRETARIES

David and Jacky Cogman



*Let your work appear to your servants and your glory to their children and let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands for us; yes, establish the work of our hands. (Psalm 90:16,17)*

Oh that the Lord would do such a work of salvation in these days that none can deny that the hand of the Lord has done it. Because our weak, spasmodic efforts to glorify His name cut little ice in this world and seem to last only a short duration, our best efforts fall short. We feel inadequate, but thanks be to the Lord that He is not hampered by our faltering prayers and feelings! We can pray that the Lord would take up and use our efforts even as fallible as they are.

We thank you for your prayers for the Spanish Experience. This year 10 of us met up in Madrid airport. After that we were driven by José Luis and Pepe to Valdepeñas and the Mission House (Monescillo) where we lodged for the week. We enjoyed fellowship together as we heard reports from the pastors concerning the work in Manzanares, Moral and Santa Cruz; Pepe also gave an update on progress at Monescillo.



*The group visiting Moral church*



*Sergio giving report in Monescillo*

We also visited some local historic towns including the windmills of Campo de Ciptana and the lakes at Ruidera. We thank the Lord for a safe experience and the enthusiasm of those who joined us. Perhaps you would like to join the group next time?

Shortly after returning from Spain we collected Sergio, Chani and Jennifer from Liverpool airport so that they could join us in the SGM Council meeting in Dudley.

After this we made a few deputation visits together at Trinity Evangelical Church (Rainhill), Bromborough Evangelical Church, Belvidere Road Baptist Church (Liverpool), Kingston Evangelical Church (Hull) and Artillery Street Evangelical Church (Colchester). Finally, the family visited friends in Wimbledon and had a tour of London before returning to Spain.



*Bromborough Evangelical Church*



*Trinity Church, Rainhill*

Please pray for the new contacts in Viso del Marqués, a village near Santa Cruz. A Bible study group has been started, and at least one person has professed faith in the Lord Jesus.

Thank you for your support this year, may the Lord encourage you this Christmas time, and we look forward to having fellowship with as many of you as possible next year.

Our next Zoom prayer meeting will be on Friday 24 January 2025.

***¡FELIZ NAVIDAD!***

***David and Jacky***