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Dear Friends,

James wrote: *“Be patient therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it... You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.”* (James 5:7-8) Being *“patient”* is not easy. We tend to be impatient rather than *“wait”*, especially when facing problems with health, or family, or job, relationships, church, etc. But God’s word says that we should *“be patient”* just like farmers waiting for their crops. The Puebla del Río church just started a 10-week study in James, so may God help us all to learn patience.

*Thank you so much for praying for my return to Spain!* After 185 days away, and seeing Salud only by Skype, *I arrived safely home on May 1<sup>st</sup>* and saw her in person! *I can’t thank enough my big sister and her husband for their help* with a room and transportation during my 6 mos. in NM! *I also appreciate the encouragement & love from my home church in Santa Fe, NM* – they even wanted me to stay longer! Now I’m back into all the ministries here: preaching at church, presiding prayer meeting, Salud and I doing counseling with 2 families, teaching class at the Seminary, leading the expository preaching workshop, going to regional meetings, fixing things around the house and maintenance on the cars (still have a long “to do” list at home!), getting our Spanish tax return done, and doing family things with Salud, Jonathan and Elisabeth. In that regard, on May 13-15, Salud and I went 60 miles away to the Atlantic coast to celebrate our 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We had a very special time! On the way home we visited

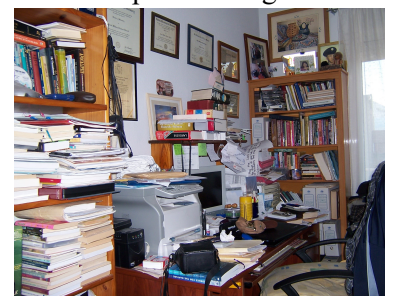


a small church in our federation, which asked me to preach, so my first sermon back in Spain wasn’t even at the Puebla del Río church! I already want my summer vacation to start, please!



**Finishing at the Seminary** I’m halfway through teaching my class on “Research and Writing” methods to 5 students at the Al-Ándalus Seminary, and as thesis advisor to another student. Before leaving the U.S., I decided that *this will be my last year at the Seminary* after 12 years volunteering as a professor. The time it takes, not just for teaching, but for doing the online tasks, syllabi, attendance, grades, etc. has just become too technical and time-consuming for me, and next school year it will continue

to be even more technical, taping classes, postings online, etc. We will also be without the Bennetts to help at church. J.D. and Sara will go to the U.S. in August for their 6-mo. home assignment for the Social Security treaty and to visit their supporting churches. Because of family needs, all the responsibilities at the church, and other ministries that I have a commitment with (like the expository preaching workshops), I have to drop something. Since the most time-consuming thing the past few years has been teaching at the Seminary, I’ve decided to end that. It has been a great experience. The Seminary is established now, with new professors here and others coming soon, so my original goal to help stabilize the seminary is met. I was able to build into the lives of 50 students in my classes during 12 years, many of them help in their churches and several are now teaching Seminary classes too, but I believe it is time to move on. This will give me more time for family, the Puebla church, the expository preaching ministry, and to teach conferences at other churches. I also hope to write materials in Spanish and/or English – and maybe try to clean and organize my office (and the photo is only half)!



**Family news:** Salud had good checkups in May and June. Her oncologist said that the CAT scan and blood work show that she continues to be cancer-free! *Thank you for praying for her and give God the glory!* Jonathan and Elisabeth are doing exams now. He is doing 4<sup>th</sup> yr. med-school finals all month, while she is doing the university entrance exams this week. *Please pray for them to do well.* Jonathan’s fiancée, Clara, finished her Master’s degree this month with a 100 p. thesis on a Cuban playwright and we’re happy she now has a part-time teaching job too.



*Thank you again to all of you who pray for us and/or support us financially!* You make it possible for us to serve the Puebla del Río church and to extend the Gospel to Andalucía and other parts of Spain. May God bless you for that and help you to *“be patient”* in everything this summer!

In Jesus’ love and service,

*Frank, Salud, Jonathan and Elisabeth*