

The Martinez's



"Praying . . . that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ." Col. 4.3

The sale of our apartment and move

April was a good month, we had three visits and some with clear interest; however, due to different issues, as today, we have not received any down payment or serious offer.

On the other hand, the owner of the house that we looked at in Canyelles has accepted our second offer. We have agreed to a rental contract with the commitment to finally buy it at the end of a year; of that rent, every Euro we pay will be deducted from the final prize. Even though this rental involves the risk that our sale could delay more than one year (something unusual), in the worst of scenarios, we could rent our Logroño apartment and request a mortgage for the house in Canyelles. Our bank has confirmed this possibility. Of course, we pray for the sale; we do not want to have two houses. We desire just one home and avoid the cares of properties, focussing ourselves in what the Lord has called us to do. This previous rental contract, however, is providing us with a smoother move; otherwise, we could have had to move in about two weeks. After praying, pondering, and communicating with TBM, we take this opportunity as from the Lord.

Thank you so much for your prayers. The need to sale is still present (even though just yesterday we had a very good potential buyer visiting); but, in any case, we thank the Lord for the opportunity to move and begin our next missionary project.

Leaving the ministry in Logroño

It is certainly a joy to see the ongoing life of the Logroño church. On the 1st of May, the congregation went to a Camp site (40 min. drive) to have a special Sunday, and 52 people attended. That weekend we were in Vilanova i la Geltrú (Barcelona). The Lord blessed them with a refreshing Sunday, gathering together with a friend-congregation of the province. The Lord, thus, is blessing them, and we rejoice that they walk onwards with initiative, joy, and blessing.

Our family and our move

We praise the Lord also for our children. Ana, our oldest, is finishing her school and is furnishing a small apartment in the center of Logroño. She is happy and excited to become independent. Pablo is also finishing his school year. He has one more year to go, which he will complete in the Barcelona area. He is glad, and we praise the Lord, because he will have a closer connection with his Christian friends from the Barcelona area. As to Loida, we thank the Lord that we have been able to help her during this school year for her to focus herself on her studies in Barcelona. She has passed everything well, and on October 8th, she will be married to a very nice Christian young man. It has taken these months since our return from the States last September to come to this wonderful scenario. We really praise the Lord for the timing and the way that we are able to move.



Ministry highlights during April

The month of April brought two highlights in regards to ministry. One was the Forum on the Reformation, organized by the Biblical Societies of Spain (Apr. 16th). We were invited to present “The Reformation amidst the Existing Religious Europe.” It was an event for all evangelicals of our region. There was a good attendance, and I felt liberty in the Lord as I spoke on how the Lord impelled both reform and dissident movements from the Roman Church prior and around the Protestant Reformation.



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Another highlight was our trip to the Barcelona area (Apr. 29th-May 2nd). We visited the bible study where we will be working in collaboration with the church of Vilanova I la Geltrú. It was a study of about 12-15 adults. We shared our hearts with joy and were glad for the potential we saw in that gathering. On Sunday, we visited the church of Vilanova I la Geltrú. More humanly wise, we also had the opportunity to further our agreement with the house where we will move and visit some places in relationship with Rosa’s prospective activity as social worker. This was our fourth trip to the area, and, undoubtedly, everyone has been better and clearer than the previous one regarding the Lord’s will.

During April we received also a good word from Facultad Internacional de Teología, where we taught last February and March. They expressed their appreciation for our ministry and invited us to continue and further our involvement teaching others for the ministry.

The fields, therefore, certainly appear to be “white for harvest;” praise the Lord.

Thank you for your prayers and faithful support

We see that the Lord’s winds are blowing our sails off to our next mission project. We will keep our prayers for the sale of our apartment, but the conditions are reasonable and helpful to move on. As every step of the way, this new endeavor may certainly involve effort and sacrifice; but the joys of his presence and expected fruit will surpass any “momentary and temporal” adversity. His grace and goodness are far greater than whatever we might do. We, then, are at peace, with much joy and thankfulness to the Lord, and very eager to take this step of faith, having seen his hand accompanying us to this point. May he strengthen us, accompany us, and bless us as we desire to serve him in the areas of Vilafranca del Penedés, Cubelles, and Castelldefels. Thank you so much for sharing this ministry with us. May the Lord richly bless you.

In Christ,

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