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“Return to your house and relate how great things God has done for you. And he went away through the whole city, publishing how great things Jesus had done for him.” Lc. 8.39



Sometimes, especially in “gadarene” cities, missionary work is not only going to foreign lands but also work intensively in your own city. This is kind of what we feel as we have returned to Catalonia, after 23 years

ministering in the interior cities of Pamplona and Logroño. It is true that in the cosmopolitan city of Barcelona and its metropolitan area, evangelical testimony has increased, particularly due to immigration. In other areas, however, like the one where we now serve, there are many towns with very scarce testimony. Our prayer is that many will believe, as it was in the case of the Gadarene.



Preaching in the streets back in July

One important notice - If you support us, please notice that our ministry designation has changed. We are no longer in Logroño but in the county of el Garraf. If you desire to support us, therefore, you may write your check to Tentmakers Bible Mission Inc., and in a separate piece of paper you designate your donation to “Garraf project.”

Our studies

At the beginning of July, I received a call from the theological Dean of the U. where I am studying; I had to specify whether I could submit the full draft of my thesis by the end of August, in order to defend it before the end of the year. He finally gave me till Sept. 10th, to which I agreed. Apart from different occasions for ministry, this date and commitment has governed our “cloistered” July and August. But, hurray! Praise the Lord he helped us to finish it. Now there is a first evaluation and amendments by my three supervisors. Afterwards, there will be two other external examiners, its publication, and finally its defense. It may take a bit over the end of this year, but the biggest and hardest step is over. Praise the Lord!

Church Planting

As you know, we are church planting with a friendly connection with a local church in Vilanova I la Geltrú. Since they planned a series of evangelistic sermons and group Bible studies on John (beginning on October 2nd), we jumped into it, using it for our church planting. Therefore, in addition to helping this local church with their church plant in Cubelles, we are praying, planning, and working towards two more groups: one in Catalan language, and the other one in Sitges. Sad to say, most evangelical testimony in Catalonia, due to the influence of immigration, uses the Spanish language. Consequently, there is hardly any direct effort or ministry to the Catalonian people in their own language. We understand that the Catalonian person, as the Spaniard, is usually more traditional Catholic and less receptive to the gospel; however, we prayerfully desire and work for an opening door in that area. Please, help us with your prayers. The other small groups in Cubelles and in Sitges.



Group witnessing in the county hospital

Teaching Ministry

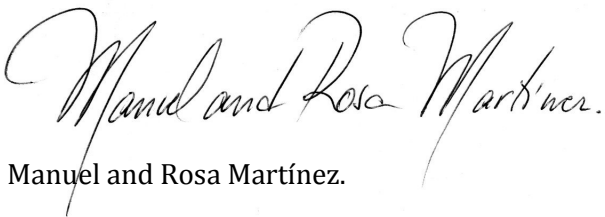
We start teaching Introduction on the New Testament on October 25. That will mean 30 classroom hours distributed till the end of the year. In the Spring Semester we will teach Spanish Church History. That is a bit of a challenge, since what has been usually taught is Spanish Protestant Christianity, since the Reformation. The School desires to include some interesting individuals and elements of the past, as well as include some of the beginnings of Christianity in South America. Well... that will mean some preparation. Our prayer is that the 12+ students in that class will see their place, privilege, and challenge as they live and prepare to serve in our times.

Our Daughter's Wedding

Well, this is a wonderful highlight in our family life. Our middle daughter is getting married on October 8th. We rejoice on their way they are preparing it, the way they desire the Lord in their lives... just a joy. We also pray the Lord's blessing on this good couple as they enter into a new period in their lives.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Thank you for making our ministry possible in this needed country of Spain. Please pray for our country. As I am in contact with different churches and teaching institutions, we see great workers and servants struggling with time and resources to extend their service, and we are more and more thankful for your spiritual and financial support all these years. By the way, I am working on outlining several possibilities for short term missionary trips, using a particular sport, music, or English teaching in order to communicate the gospel. I am thinking on groups of 6-10 people for a trip of about 10-14 days. As soon as I have the possibilities outlined, I will send it to the churches just in case some desire to include it in their next year's planning. Please pray also for this possibility. That the Lord will give us clarity and wisdom on the avenues we may take to make the gospel known to these towns.

May the Lord richly bless you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Manuel and Rosa Martínez". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and personal.

Manuel and Rosa Martínez.