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“In this shall I know that you have shown kindness” to Abraham, his servant prayed (Gen 24.14).

During the second half of May we have moved to the county of “el Garraf,” Catalunya. We praise the Lord for his kindness to us. Even though we would have desired to see the Lord’s hand in the selling of our apartment (for which we prayerfully continue waiting on him), he has graciously blessed our “landing” in this Catalanian region with many tokens that we have moved in his will.

Important notice for those who may support us: *The designation of our missionary “project” has changed. If you contribute to our support or desire to do so, you may write your check to “Tentmakers Bible Mission,” and in a separate paper indicate that your support is for “Garraf Project.” The “Logroño Project” has changed to “Garraf Project.” In the next couple of weeks our profile in our mission’s web page will be updated with descriptions and pictures of our new area and projects.*

Collaborating with the church in Vilanova i la Geltrú towards a daughter church in Cubelles

As we have just “landed,” we have served more in the Vilanova church than in the actual progress of the church plant in Cubelles. We have preached in a Sunday service and in a Baptism service, given a Friday Bible study, shared on a Saturday Evening Couple’s meeting, and preached in the streets in an evangelistic campaign. Last Saturday 23rd we visited a hospital with a group of believers, singing and sharing Christ with an audience of about 40 people. We are also participating in the beginning of a ministry of hospital visitation. The hospital, surprisingly because of the common reluctance to an Evangelical ministry as such, has invited the church in Vilanova to provide volunteers for spiritual support, among other purposes. This may be a first opening door that could extend to other hospitals in whose cities we might church plant. In all of these opportunities to serve, the congregation of Vilanova has shown much gratitude and appreciation for our ministry, which has been a blessing and refreshment in the Lord.

Studies and Teaching in International College of Theology

Concerning our studies, I have agreed with my supervisors about submitting the final draft of my thesis by September 5th or 10th. This has laid a considerable stress for these days, but it is a good goal. Even though the process towards the public defense will take till the end of the year, to submit it is a great step. It will be great to have it behind as we launch to this next school year. We pray that the Lord will help us in this effort. As to our teaching, the College has already contacted us to teach again Introduction to the NT as we did this last spring semester. Our teaching will be in the next fall semester, 30 hours of classroom-teaching, for which we have all ppt’s and materials ready. For the spring semester (2017), the Lord willing, we will teach Church History particularly in reference to Spain.

Our Church Planting in Vilafranca del Penedés

In these weeks we have had encounters with the boards of both Vilanova and Vilafranca church. We desired to introduce ourselves and prayerfully consider their possible input concerning what we had estimated as areas of need. We thank the Lord for the kind welcome that both of them have given to us. On the other hand, the Vilanova church has offered us their collaboration for our pioneer work, giving us all liberty as to the direction and identification of future church plants. Considering the blessing that the Lord has given us as we have ministered among them, we are seriously considering the option of church planting in Sitges (28.171 inhab.) or Sant Pere de Ribes (29.339 inhab.) instead of Vilafranca (39.221 Inhab.). All of them are towns with very scarce evangelical presence. We have consulted with our mission board and we are prayerfully considering this decision during this period till September.

Other issues concerning our move

We praise the Lord that our son Pablo has integrated well in the Vilanova church. He has also found a job in McDonalds, which will help him with his expenses as he will have to study next year about 45 minutes away (in Tarragona). Loida, our middle daughter, is all excited, preparing her wedding for October 8th. Ana is back in Logroño, whose help has been great, showing the apartment to possible buyers. Our move has been a bit costly,

as moves are, but the Lord is providing. The neighbors of our apartment in Logroño decided to do some considerable remodeling in the building, but the Lord is also helping us in this. If it does not sale for September, we may probably offer it for rent. Our prayers, however, are still for its sale.

Thank you so much for your prayers and generous support. Thank you for sharing our calling to this needy country of Spain. Thank you so much for your prayers towards the sale of our apartment. May the Lord richly bless you and help us all to use the time of our pilgrimage for his glory.

In Christ,

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

Manuel and Rosa Martínez.

Ps. There are some pictures and videos taken from the evangelistic Campaign. We will share them with you as we are able to get them.