



**“And Jehovah went before their face . . .” “If your presence is not going with me, take us not from this place” Ex 13.22; 33.15**

Certainly, as we walk on this earth, his presence is irreplaceable. We praise the Lord for his blessing during this month and pray that he will bless us particularly in our desire to move. We have delayed this letter, hoping to see a couple of things to settle, but we continue to wait in Him.

## **Easter Camp in Soria (March 24-28)**

As we wait to move, the Lord has blessed us with an invitation to go and preach in an Easter Church Camp in Soria. This city is two hour drive from Logroño. The congregation there has been a good friend of ours during these twelve years in Logroño. We have had youth camps, campaigns, and baptisms together. This invitation provided a great opportunity to say good bye to these good friends in the Lord.

The camp consisted of four days of fellowship and preaching. Our preaching during those days was based on Jonathan’s strengthening David’s hand in the Lord (1Sam 23.16). We pondered over David’s flights and his psalms written during that period. It was a camp dedicated to build up closer ties among the congregation. We also had times to witness in two different towns. Two young people from the Logroño church came with us and enjoyed the retreat as well.

Our son Pablo went to another church camp in Barcelona, and the Lord blessed his time there. It increased his desire to come with us as we move. We praise the Lord for that.

## **Our apartment and move**

On March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> we had two visits which expressed an interest in our apartment. Easter went by, and none of them actually decided. We hoped that the Lord would provide through them, but, till this point, we do not see it come. The

realtors that work with us consider our apartment attractive, both as to its characteristics and price. During these months, the Lord has blessed us with visits and interest. But for some reason, he has not brought success yet.

There was a third interested person who offered us 78.6 % of the price we requested. That was really an unreasonable drop; however, I called him and offered a reduction of a 6.6 %, arguing that it was a good price. At this point we are waiting in the Lord, pondering whether the Lord is answering our prayer through this family. We will see.

In these months we have seen a house in Canyelles (Catalunya) whose modest price, measures, location, communications... fitted well our perspectives. We felt so strongly about moving that on March 21<sup>st</sup> we made a proposal to the owner of that house. Our proposal was a deferred purchase, paying an initial payment and some rent for a maximum of 18 months, but the owner did not accept it. One situation that has made a bit more difficult of our transition and move is that our building has approved a remodeling that will cost 3.400 Euros per neighbor. We praise the Lord that we can respond to that, but this is something that will limit our finances as we move.

We understand that the Lord might have delayed the sale of our apartment so that our children, Ana and Pablo, would end their school year here at home. During these months, we have seen the hand of the Lord in the avenues of ministry opened to us, in our son’s desire to come with us, in Ana’s immediate future situation as she becomes independent, in the visits and interest in our apartment... On the other hand, even though I am busy working with my thesis, preparing the web page for our future pioneer work, and serving in these special occasions to preach (like the Camp in Soria), our “public” ministry is diminishing in Logroño, and moving is becoming more and more a necessity. We are glad for the Logroño church, which we see with initiative and desire for the Lord. But we see the need for us to move.



Our plan for the immediate future is that we will continue to help the Logroño church and will work finishing up our thesis. On April 16<sup>th</sup> we have been invited to participate in a conference on the Reformation, something in anticipation to next year being the fifth centenary after Luther. It is organized by Biblical Society of Spain, and it is for all evangelicals of Logroño. Our children finish their school year after the third week of May. Therefore, we hope in the Lord to receive an answer from Him during these weeks. If nothing were resolved, we would need to find something to rent in Vilafranca del Penedés and move around the end of May.

Thank you so much for your prayers and generous support. Thank you for many words of encouragement and prayers towards the sale of our apartment. We continue to trust the Lord for his timing. Please, continue to help us in prayer, so that we will see an open door during this month of April. May the Lord richly bless you.

In Christ,  
Manuel and Rosa Martínez.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Manuel and Rosa Martínez". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.