



“See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand” Deut. 32:39

Only our Lord graciously delivered and led Israel. From him we all receive blessing, guidance, or correction. We depend on him, in him we rest, and in him our strength lies.

Our Ministry with *Facultad Internacional de Teología* in December

In addition to teaching Testament Introduction, our service as Director of Practicum and participation in the governing board of the school has become very meaningful. In the “practicum” I have interviewed a good number of the 34 students I supervise, and our times together have brought issues such as calling, gifts, direction, and ministry. In one sense, I can see how the Lord has led us through all these twenty plus years of ministry so that I might endeavor to contribute with a positive orientation in the lives of these dear students. We praise the Lord for great times of talk and prayer with them. Regarding my participation in the board, the matter is that the school is approaching an official inspection to see if Spain’s government continues to grant accreditation to the degree that the school imparts. It is not that we desire the world’s recognition, but in Catholic Spain, to be accredited (a possibility opened since November, 2012) has made the small Evangelical minority of the country more visible and respected. The coming inspection is requiring an abundant number of quality reports, statistics, and data. The work is involving all staff and faculty (who are not that many) and ourselves as well. In this issue, our hands will work, and our hearts will wait in the Lord for him to give us his blessing.

Our Collaboration with the Church in Vilanova i la Geltrú and Church Planting

As we referred in our previous prayer letter, the situation of the Church in Vilanova, its particular situation has led us to give two years of our work to help the church develop and to contribute to the completion of Jairo’s ministerial formation for him to perhaps take over after this period. At the end of these two years, we will present a “diagnosis” to the church and a plan for the next years. Meanwhile, during these two years we will develop contacts and see where and with whom we may start a mission church, to which we will fully dedicate ourselves after this two year period. By the way, some young people whom we teach are considering helping us already in developing home Bible studies and future mission churches. It could well be that the Lord is giving us great co-workers with whom we will be able to do much more than by ourselves. We praise the Lord for this.



The fact that a church like this would need a missionary-pastoral family like us to help them in their transition to a new pastor portrays the need of prepared pastors in the country of Spain.

Thus far, in December, our task has been planning the annual program of preaching and Bible studies for Sundays and Fridays in the church of Vilanova. Our Sunday preaching will be complemented with an inductive Bible study on Fridays, working with the elders of the church and other mature brethren, helping them in the elaboration and delivery of their expositions. After the Christmas break, we have also returned to our home Bible studies. Please pray that our walk together will help them to grow and develop gifts and skills in the ministry.

Thank you for your Prayers and Support

This move from Logroño to Catalonia has soon placed us in a very useful position to serve others. It has been different to our previous moves when we started almost precariously and from scratch. We are able to reach, to counsel, to shepherd, and preach to many and with the collaboration of others. Because of the fifth century from Luther and because our doctoral studies are in Spain’s Reformation, we will be teaching in Malaga in May for two weeks, a conference for students of Evangelical School of Theology in L’Ametlla, and will be having evangelistic campaigns in our area in July and October. Thank you very much for contributing with your prayers and support to this ministry in Spain. May the Lord richly refresh and bless you as we also rejoice for his blessing and fruit.

Manuel and Rosa Martínez.

In Christ,
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