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Dear Friends,

Jesus answered a Jewish scribe about what is the greatest commandment and the scribe praised Him: “*And when Jesus saw that he had answered intelligently, He said to him, ‘You are not far from the kingdom of God.’ And after that no one would venture to ask Him any more questions.*” (Mark 12:34) The book of Acts mentions “*God-fearing Greeks*” also (Acts 17:4, 12, 17). So *some* unsaved people “*are not far from the kingdom of God*” and are “*God-fearing*” even though they are lost. They are the ones we want to find and share the Gospel with, so they can understand what Jesus Christ has done and put their faith in Him. Unfortunately, such unsaved people don’t show up very often! May God help us to find more of them.

Puebla del Río Church and ministry. At the Puebla church we’ve had a busy summer. In July we had more than one big activity each week, and some of them lasted for a whole week:

- I gave the last expository preaching workshop for the Seville-Huelva area with 6 pastors attending,
- we had a marriage seminar at church on “The Five Love Languages” with 28 people attending,
- we helped with a summer mission team’s transportation to English camp, Elisabeth was a counselor all week, then a special Sunday service and a fellowship meal with the 12 team members and 50 more people attending,
- we had a church beach-outing and baptism service & 32 people came,
- we helped all week with transport & counseling at *Impacto Solidario*’s day camp and, finally,
- we had a Sunday evening going away party for the Bennetts & 56 people came to church.



Then in August:

- we helped the Bennetts with babysitting, packing, moving, storing and transportation to the airport,
- we finished up the 11-week series in the epistle of *James*,
- we took a 3-day family vacation at the same retreat center where Elisabeth helped with the English camp, and
- we also met with the new Catholic priest assigned to Puebla who contacted us to get to know who we are, what kind of Evangelical church we are, and to invite us to his installation service (Salud and I did go on Sept. 5th, explaining to him that it was in appreciation for his courtesy toward us as *an equal Christian church* in the town. He publicly thanked us and the church as he greeted the Catholic dignitaries, town mayor, etc. in front of over 300 townspeople, which raised quite a few murmurs and gasps!).



Now we’re gearing up for fall with church activities and planning meetings already happening, other activities with the Federation regional Board and fall regional meeting in Oct. (me), and the Ladies annual retreat in Nov. (Salud). We’ve planned a church meeting Sept. 25th to discuss future vision, goals, needs, etc. since the Bennetts will return to another mission project next year and TEAM missionary, Lara Meinke, will be orienting the church to start that process. Oct. 1st I have the first expository preaching workshop for the Seville-Huelva area, on Oct. 8th the church plans another marriage seminar which we’ve been organizing bit by bit, and on Nov. 26th I’ve accepted to give a Bible conference at one of our Federation churches in Cádiz province. The church and other ministries keep us busy.

Family news: Jonathan and Elisabeth start the University this month. He’ll be in 5th yr. med-school at the Univ. of Seville. Sept. 3rd at our Men’s fellowship Jonathan gave a presentation on smoking and the medical information of how it affects the body to 7 men. He still leads the Sunday praise on the piano. Elisabeth was accepted and is going to the Univ. of Granada (3 hrs. away) to start Elementary-special education. We’ll be helping to move her there and get her set up for school there in just several days. Salud and I just try to keep up with everything!



Thanks to all of you who pray for and/or support us financially to serve the Lord Jesus here in the Puebla del Río church and other parts of Andalucía. May God bless you for it and bring people “not far from” God to you, so that you can help them to come to know Jesus Christ!

In Jesus’ love and service,

Frank, Salud, Jonathan and Elisabeth