

Springing Forward.



Dear friends,

Are you enjoying this swing into Spring? Spain is a very seasonal country as far as when business gets done. Over these last ten years I (JD) have been living through the seasons here, learning when to mark my calendar for “fiesta” days and off-seasons. Well you know the good news? This is the season when everything is happening!

So how do we start explaining EVERYTHING? You can live a summer in Spain and see very few important events on a given Saturday or Sunday night, and now we are inundated! This coming Saturday, as an example we have tons of good and different activities we could encourage our congregation to attend, but there are too many choices! At 9 a.m. we have our *Men’s Breakfast*, followed by a church work day. Coinciding at the same time is a good *Preaching Workshop* in nearby Mairena del Aljarafe, coinciding also this Saturday morning is a fascinating conference on *Andalucía and the Bible* as part of the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Also Saturday morning, *Los Naranjos Christian Camp*, the camp that we collaborate with, is hosting an open doors day, for friends of the camp to come visit and enjoy the day and see improvements made possible by the director and work teams. So as you can see we have lots to choose from this time of year! What we can tell you about, is what we have been able to support and be a part of this time of year.



Valentines Dinner. On Valentines Day, seven couples from the Puebla church met to celebrate at a local restaurant by the Guadalquivir River. It was a good time of breaking bread together.

Youth trip to the *Good Samaritan Association* in Pozoblanco, Cordoba Province. Our teens enjoyed the three hour drive, taking pictures of castles and cattle. When we got there, there was a soccer match between two local soccer teams, a



presentation by the Good Samaritan Director, Francis Arjona, a drama by residents of the rehabilitation center and powerful testimonies of God’s grace by recovered drug addicts. Did I mention it snowed?!?! O.K., Just a little bit, but enough to excite the teenagers who hadn’t seen it snow ever before!

“Andalucía Day”. We celebrated *Dia de Andalucía* in a forested picnic area south of Puebla del Rio. It was beautiful to be in God’s creation, and surprising to have sunny skies hours after there was rain and snow in Andalucía. 46 people came out to spend the day with us. Some of us arrived early to stack out our picnic area and to erect a latrine for the day. We also had team games and Sara and Sarah Ruth made a piñata for my birthday! So we had too much fun barbequing and enjoying the company.





Christology Series! The Puebla church has been studying Christology, and when I was planning the series, I was trying to think of how to overcome the big theological terminology in a series about the person of Christ. Together with my colleague Jairo, we made a poster (which is attached) and under it, each week, we have volunteers put the words we are studying on a large poster, so that as we advance in the series, the terms become more familiar. Most importantly is that this series is teaching basic and vital doctrines of Christ Jesus that don't leave those in attendance untouched. We pray that the LORD will continue to move through the teaching of His word here in Puebla del Rio.

60th General Assembly of the FIEIDE. March 3rd-5th we were able to represent the Puebla church with our friends new and old from the FIEIDE (our federation of evangelical churches in Spain). This year the Assembly was held in Toledo and included a congress for not just delegates but all members of our churches to attend and benefit from the time of wonderful seminars, worship, devotionals and communion. It was extremely worth the while, and we exhorted the Puebla congregation this Sunday once we returned, to take advantage of the great opportunities presented by belonging to FIEIDE.



Resurrection Sunday Drama. JD is putting his college major in Theater to use, adapting a script about the Empty Tomb and Mary Magdalene based on John 20. Please pray for many visitors to come overfill our church on Resurrection Sunday!

All these opportunities for the development and edification of our folks at Puebla del Rio Evangelical Church are made possible by your ongoing support of Tentmakers Bible Mission's *Andalucia Project*. Thank you for your support of our family and ministry here.

Some dear supporters and prayer partners have lost loved ones or themselves gone home to Heaven recently. We will truly miss Jack Russell and Charlie R. Brown and we also pray for our friend Julia Murray in her bereavement.

Thank you for your love and support of our family. We are all fighting colds and Abby continues treatment for her bronchiolitis. We covet your prayers.



All our love,

JD, Sara, Sarah Ruth & Abigail

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