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Dear Friends,

The past 15-20 years the world has lived with the threat of terrorism. Attacks in France, Turkey, Germany, Russia, England, Egypt and many other countries in Asia and Africa are in the news daily. When I came to Spain in 1987 I remember the fear I felt of the ETA terrorist attacks, as almost every month or so there was a car bombing or shooting in Spain. As I walked in Seville or Madrid and saw cars with Basque-area license plates it always crossed my mind, "What if it is a car bomb?" But we can't live in fear and have to be secure in the Lord's care. **Psalm 121** says: "I will lift my eyes up to the mountains. From where shall my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth...the LORD will protect you from all evil... the LORD will guard your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and forever." (Ps. 121:1, 7-8) Let's read Psalm 121 and remember that our "help comes from the LORD" for everything we need – or fear – this summer!

**Puebla del Río Church news.** After 25 years of looking for a Spanish ministry worker we have seen a gigantic step forward for the church in May! After becoming aware of a *Spanish ministry worker*, with very good references, who desired to be in a church ministry, we contacted him and began a process of interviews and steps to presenting him to the church *to bring him on as a ministry helper* for a 2-year trial period. *His name is Jordi Salvador* and we thank the Lord Jesus for bringing him to us. He is from the Catalonia region of Spain but has been serving in Seville for 6 years. We actually have known him and have had him fill the pulpit in the past, but we were unaware that he was looking to serve in a church ministry (since he helps at 2 other churches and works part-time at the Al-Ándalus Seminary, and is the Spain promoter for a mission project in Africa).



The process took several meetings in April and May and ended with a special business meeting to vote for him to come to the church as part of the ministry team. On May 21<sup>st</sup>, he was voted in by 15 "yes" votes (and only 2 "no"), to come and serve with us starting June 1<sup>st</sup>. The church has no budget for it, but we presented a faith promise plan that 5 families have signed on to do and are praying for 5-6 more to do the same. He has preached 5 times since Jan. and participated in the men's breakfast, a church picnic and Thurs. prayer meeting. He has 20 years of ministry experience, including

several years with Operation Mobilization (OM) in Spain. The photo is of my last expository preaching workshop on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and Jordi is the man in the back with a white polo shirt and glasses. We'll give more news on him in future prayer letters. We pray that we'll be able to do a transition with him over the next few years and, Lord willing, see him step into the pastorate of the church and for Frank to become an assistant pastor-elder for several years until he retires. **Please pray for Jordi and for the church to get to know him better during this year and to make the effort to raise the offering to be able to pay him a small stipend.**

**Other ministry news:** The photo above was my final preaching workshop after 3 years of the group in the Seville metro area. Now I'll continue serving on a regional level to start other expository preaching workshops in the provinces. I met with the regional committee in May to plan the regional workshop for Feb. 2018 for 50 pastors and teachers, as well as plans to start 12 groups in the Fall in different provinces of Andalucía. Salud continues to serve on the regional Ladies Committee and represents the annual retreat at different events (the photo is from that). Our former TBM helpers, J.D. and Sara Bennett, just returned to Spain and are getting established near Gibraltar to start a new church in a town there. We'll miss them, but the need for the Gospel is so great in Spain that we're glad they can reach out to that area.

**Family news:** Jonathan and Elisabeth are in the middle of final exams the next few weeks until their university classes end on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Both of them will volunteer as counselors at week-long Christian summer camps for teens in August, and Elisabeth also has been hired to coordinate 5 weeks of English day-camps in Seville in July (which is a paid job). We're very proud of them! Salud's health is still very good at all her checkups. The chronic anaemia-iron deficiency she has, was studied and diagnosed as not related to her other health issues and she just has to take a supplement to keep her iron levels up. We again thank God for the good health care system He has provided here in Spain. **Thank you for praying for us as a family!**

**Thank you to all of you who pray for and/or support us financially** to serve Jesus Christ here in Spain. God bless you and "guard your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and forever" in Jesus Christ!



In Jesus' love and service, *Frank, Salud, Jonathan and Elisabeth*