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"For the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ." Rev. 1.9

What a wonderful motivation to guide our paths and use our time! We pray that, by the grace of our God, we have labored with these two goals in view during these two months.



During the month of June

Even though I did not teach (except the conferences of the first week-end of June in la Garriga), June was quite busy with correcting papers, tests, and filling up forms both for Instituto Bíblico in Málaga and for Facultad Internacional de Teología in Barcelona. Concerning our studies, the final revision of the thesis became particularly a pressure, that is, to finish it on time for printing. There was also a considerable paper work that I am still finishing up till this day. I really pray that the efforts of this study program will be useful to exalt him and honor him as we serve others. One thing appears to be sure: on September 5th, the Lord willing, this will be finally resolved.

During the month of July

On July 8th we had a significant church business meeting. Some things needed to be better oriented, particularly regarding the people who serve in the congregation. It is very sad that in Spain, where evangelical churches are a bit more present (around metropolitan cities), divorced and restructured families have become too common. Our proposals were well received, praise the Lord. Now, after August, we will launch into another year with, hopefully, a fresh orientation to grow and to expand as God's people.



A particular joy came with the evangelistic campaign that we realized August 16-23. With the help of a group of about 30, we had the joy of having a program both for children and adults. It became quite successful (according to Europe's standards). In the children's program we averaged 120 per day, some of them occasionally coming or leaving as the gospel was presented (no wonder, the Catalan people is reported to be one of the most secular societies in Europe). Three nights we projected evangelistic movies and gave a small message at the end, with the attendance of 15 adults (excluding believers). We now pray

that the Lord will use us to follow up those contacts.

A special prayer request

Initially, as we projected coming to our new area, our desires were really too optimistic as far as our capacity. Even though we later focused on teaching and helping Iglesia Evangélica de Vilanova i la Geltrú, still every one of those two ministries seem to demand a full time dedication. We knew that this first half of the year was going to be very demanding, since, in addition to teaching and pastoring, we had to conclude our thesis, give some conferences, etc. The Lord seems to bless our preaching, ministry, and teaching; however, we need to come to a clearer understanding of our focus. In the near future, we either have to focus on church ministry with a view to church planting, or we have to teach and church plant with the help of students from the school where we teach (but discontinuing by the end of the year our direct involvement with the ministry of Vilanova's church. This prayer request, therefore, is not urgent but a very important one; we will need to take a decision around the end of the year. Please, help us with this need to see his will clearer.



Thank you for your prayers, encouraging post cards, loving friendship, and faithful support. May the Lord richly bless you as a new school year will begin soon. Maranatha!

In Christ,

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