



**THE MARTINEZ'S  
SERVING IN Catalunya, Spain**

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**“For the grace of God that  
brings salvation has  
appeared to all men” Tit 2.11**

We praise the Lord for the work of his Word and his Spirit through earthen vessels like all of us. We continue with a heavy schedule, praying and pondering for the Lord’s direction. On one hand, teaching, church ministry, and evangelism are being blessed of the Lord. The problem is that we will not be able to maintain this intensity for much longer. We thought that with the new school year we would be able to slow down, but that has not been the case. We continue to see the January, annual business meeting of the church of Vilanova as the time to perhaps withdraw from some of our present tasks for them. Meanwhile, however, we praise the Lord for his grace.

**Teaching ministry**

Early in September, as most of you know through facebook, I could satisfactorily defend my thesis. Praise the Lord for that step, which is now behind us. I have started this semester teaching Bibliology and guiding the students’ Christian Service. Later on in the semester, I will teach Introduction to the New Testament. Regarding Christian Service, three students are helping us in different evangelistic efforts in connection with the church in Vilanova. I am presently praying for the service of two of them, endeavoring to see from the Lord how to use them in a new outreach. Please pray with us that the Lord will guide us and will open an effectual door.

**TBM Field Conference in Seville and TBM in Vilanova**

At the end of September we had a great TBM Field Conference down south of Spain, in Seville. After that the Executive Director (and wife) and another pastor from St. Petesburg came to visit us in order to pray together and talk over the Lord’s leading regarding our ministry in this new area. For us was very important that our mission could see firsthand our new environment and tasks. I believe they were blessed by all aspects of it, particularly praying that the Lord will lead us towards the beginning of a new church plant. We will begin exchanging our involvement with the church in Vilanova on Fridays for an evangelistic outreach. We pray that the Lord will lead us as to the method or characteristics of this new endeavor.

**Our Church ministry**

Our church ministry in these two months very positive, both for saved and unsaved. church has begun nine small Bible Study two of which have unsaved regular attendants. One of those two, the majority of its members are not church visitors yet.

As to leadership formation, we are beginning to teach a two year program to twelve individuals who desire to be more involved serving the Lord. We praise the Lord for the good desire that He has awakened in people.

Last October 21<sup>st</sup> we had a special activity commemorating the 500 year of the Protestant Reformation. We prepared a “booth” with some pictures and explanations of the Reformation in Europe and in Spain. We had a table with Bibles and other materials. But we were mostly impressed by how people

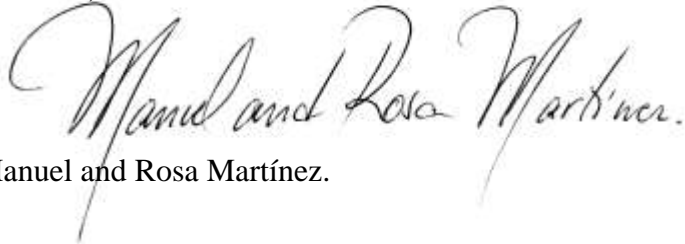


Oct. 21st  
Evangelistic  
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stopped, watched, and asked questions about what was exposed. It was the first time we used a more “cultural-informative-intellectual” presentation, but it will certainly not be the last, the Lord willing, seeing how it drew such a good interest.

Last October 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> we preached in a church retreat on the Reformation. We had a great time, explaining the environment and teachings of the Reformers and considering the challenges we have today as Christians.

Thank you so much for your prayers and faithful support, which makes our ministry possible in all these different aspects. We rejoice in the Lord and invite you also to rejoice with us. Our Lord is wonderful and his Word powerful. May he continue to bless us, guide us, and use us for his great and only deserved honor.  
In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Manuel and Rosa Martínez". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and personal.

Manuel and Rosa Martínez.