



THE MARTINEZ'S
Serving in Catalonia, Spain

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The Lord reigns! . . . Let the earth rejoice . . . let the people tremble. Psal 97.1; 99.1

Five times the Scripture records this great truth: "The Lord reigns." Even though the newspaper may not manifest it, the people better tremble at his Name, because the day of judgment is coming. For us,

his people, we rejoice because we know him and have fellowship with him through his Son. No matter the clouds, we know he reigns!

In these months we have grown in the understanding of the church and families to whom we are ministering. Certainly, there are a number of important and delicate personal issues we need to deal, but we march on, confident of his presence and rejoicing on his hand in our midst.

A blessing among the young people

Since January, and with the return of a nice couple who are working with youth in our church, the young people are spiritually better. Their disoriented lives were really a burden to us. During the Easter season they went to a nice retreat, and it became a stepping stone. Several of them decided to follow the Lord. One of them desired to be baptized. Lately another young lady is coming to church and also desires to be baptized. A young man, with whom we discussed fundamental things of the faith and Scripture, is also interested in Baptism. In spite of some important steps to be given among our church's youth, we praise the Lord and rejoice.

Book's Day in Catalunya

April, 23, a day of giving a rose or a book, and a day we took to be out in the street distributing tracts and offering Christian literature. We praise the Lord for the church people who helped throughout the whole day. Nevertheless, evangelism is something that we desire to increase as a church. The proportion of members involved in these activities is still too low. We aim to focus in a church plant in two years, and in the third, pray that the Lord will help us for the beginning of an actual mission church. May the Lord grant us to see this becoming a reality!



Presentation of Little Martina. Please pray for the mother to be saved.



One sample of short videos we are recording to share through whatsapp and web. Do you want to test your Spanish?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=adoiB>

A Church Planting Conference

We were invited to participate in a Church Planting Conference in Internarional Faculty of Theology, where we teach. We shared our participation in a mission church we participated in our youth, and then the projects we carried in Pamplona and Logroño. Two points we made in our analysis have prayerfully stayed in our hearts. One is that in our experience, conversions took place mainly in the first years, and as discipleship and leadership development took on, conversions tended to decrease. We pray that the Lord will maintain our eagerness and occasions to witness as the church grows. And the second thing that I had not realized is that through the years, there have been "casualties" or problems with sin among believers that clearly manifested the work of Satan, making serious harm to some. How we need to pray that the Lord will keep every sheep

he has given to our care.

Other areas of ministry and life

✚ We continue with eight home bible studies. This Sunday 20th we have an encounter with all who teach or preach either in these groups, Sunday School, Friday Bible Study, or on Sundays. We need to make

sure that the verbal and plenary inspiration of Scripture is clear and evident, something which is becoming a battle in Spain and Europe. We also desire to give some guidelines to be more effective in our Bible teaching.

- ✚ The two year program "Prepared to Serve" also continues with blessing. Of the 12 individuals, a couple of them have encountered some personal issues and threaten to leave the course. We pray that the Lord will work and bring them to a maturity that will make them useful servants.
- ✚ On March 7 we had a small motorcycle accident, due to a car that did not respect my right of way. No broken bones, praise the Lord, but a painful foot and rib for a couple of months, and about a month and a half of rehabilitation. During that time of recuperation the schedule became a bit tight, and I went around a bit slow. But, praise the Lord, we have almost totally recovered. Only a bit of pain comes up at times.
- ✚ May 6th in Spain was Mother's day. We took the opportunity and as a part of the service, Rosa and another lady gave a testimony of how had they experienced Christian motherhood, particularly in relation to sharing our faith with our children, and the heart that the Lord desires as we do that. A month earlier we dealt with parenthood. It is our custom to have a special evangelistic service every first Sunday of the month. On both occasions, we had a number of people visiting. We praise the Lord for these good times.

Thank you for your prayers and support

Thank you very much for your notes of support and expressions of love as we are more depending on the local church here for our support. Some of you have desired to support us 25% for a year, as our local church provides only 75% of what a salary is here in Spain. Some of you have desired to maintain your support as the Lord provides you. Thank you so much. We praise the Lord for the ministry he has led us to, both teaching in Facultad Internacional de Teología as well as taking the pastorate of this church in Vilanova. In the midst of the work, struggle, and dependence on Him, we have peace and rest in Him. Thank you so much for sharing in our calling and ministry. May the Lord richly bless you and strengthen us to extend his testimony on this earth.

In Christ,



Manuel and Rosa Martínez.