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Dear Friends,

Over time, all of us have to face difficult things: the death of a loved one, bad news from a medical check up, loss of a job, a church split or scandal, a car accident, a broken marriage, a robbery/fire in our home, etc. Paul says in Romans 5: *“Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ ...and we exult in hope of the glory of God. And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations...”* (Rom. 5:1-3, NASB). Being right with God (through faith in Jesus) gives us “peace” and “hope” which help to sustain us, even in “our tribulations”. Twice Paul says, *“we exult”* (or triumphantly rejoice). It may be easy to *“rejoice in hope”*, but how do we *“also rejoice in our tribulations”*? The key is to *“have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ”* which comes *“by faith”* to give us confidence. May you have that peace in your life!

Puebla del Río Church ministry. In July–Aug., we took a pause from the series in the Gospel of John for different topics and guest speakers, and some vacation time. We started John 13 again on Sept. 2nd and will continue until the 1st Sunday of Advent. Our pastoral assistant, **Jordi**, has been engaged since Feb., and will be marrying his fiancée, Sandra, in October. She is a deaconess and praise team leader from a church 85 miles west of us, where Jordi taught a Bible Training course for 3 years. She stays with us when she comes to Puebla. We’re very happy for them and Salud is looking forward to having Sandra here for more than just a weekend visit! ***Please pray for Jordi and Sandra’s wedding and that God will bless their marriage and ministry in the Puebla del Río Church.***

Now we are getting ready for the new school/ministry year at church. We’ve already started meeting and planning the different fall ministries at church to coordinate things around the wedding, as well as the final 30th anniversary concert with the Coria church in November.

Other ministries. We had lots of **camp ministry** in July and August. **Salud** and **Elisabeth** served on kitchen staff and as translators at *English Action* camp (organized by our TBM co-workers, J.D. and Sara Bennett) one hour north

of Seville. I helped with transport from the airport for 13 volunteers from California (and their luggage) who came for 9 days at camp, before they helped the Bennetts for 6 more days in their new church plant near Gibraltar. The Seville Evangelical History Society summer retreat at that same camp (where I was going to give 2 conferences) was canceled, so we and several others spent 4 days there as our vacation time! **Jonathan** spent 7 days again just like last year at a Christian summer camp near Málaga. He helped as a dorm counselor, with music, with games, and medical

treatment too. Last year at camp he met **Irene**, who was also a dorm counselor. She has a degree as an English teacher and is from a church in the same federation as ours, but in the province of Jaén about 200 miles east of us. They have been dating for 1 yr. now and are very happy and looking in God’s will toward a future together (and we are too!).

Family news: **Jonathan** is still studying for the Medical Intern Residence Exam. It will be in Feb. 2019 and will determine the hospital where he’ll do his 5-yr. residency in oncology. He wants to stay at a hospital in Andalucía and is considering 3 or 4 in different provinces.

Please keep praying for him as he studies full time this semester for the MIR Exam in Feb. 2019. This month **Elisabeth** returns to the Univ. of Granada for her 3rd year of Elementary Education and moved to a new apartment. **Salud** has also been spending much time helping Jordi and Sandra with different details for the wedding. Sandra has come here twice this summer and we have gone to her town twice to discuss the wedding program/reception details. On a personal note, Sept. 17th will be **my 60th birthday**. I never imagined when I came to Spain in 1987 that God would still have me here on my 60th birthday! But He has been faithful to keep me healthy and useful in many

ministries, for which I am very grateful. Lord willing, I hope to have 8-10 more years to serve, if Christ doesn’t return before then! ***Thank you for praying for God to help us and guide us in all the things we are involved in!***

We thank all of you who pray for us and/or support us financially to serve the Lord Jesus in Spain, some for over 20 or 30 years now! Those prayers and finances really do make a difference in what we accomplish here. **May God bless you** for helping us that way! And **may God help you**, all through the fall, to *“exult in hope”* because you have *“peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ”* in your life, from having put your faith in Him and His substitutionary sacrifice on the cross for us.

In Jesus’ love and service,

Frank, Salud, Jonathan and Elisabeth

