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Dear Friends,

Christmas is here again, with the contrast of happy memories for some and painful ones for others. People rush around with shopping and holiday preparations; or suffer as they remember loved ones and better times now gone. But Christmas prophecies in the Bible give us another focus to reflect on. Christmas is God sending His Son into the world, the promised **Messiah**! Daniel 9:25 says, "So you are to know and discern

that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until **Messiah the Prince** there will be seven...and sixty-two weeks..." Jesus' coming, at exactly the appointed time, proved that He was the promised "Messiah". He is the One who makes Christmas a wonderful time of hope to all who believe in Him. **Jesus Christ is Christmas!**

Puebla del Río Church ministry. The **big** event was on Oct. 6th when our pastoral assistant **Jordi** and his fiancée Sandra got married! The wedding was a wonderful testimony to God's faithfulness in bringing them together. After 6 weeks off, Jordi started again on Oct. 28th with preaching and presiding when it is his turn. Sandra just started to play her guitar and accompany Jonathan for Sunday praise time on Dec. 2nd. **Please keep praying for Jordi and Sandra's joint ministry in the church and that God will help Sandra to adapt to the new church situation and new people.** At the 30th & 40th anniversary concert for the Puebla & Coria churches on Nov. 3rd, over 100 people attended for 90 min. of praise and then a fellowship meal to close out the anniversary year focus on God's faithfulness to both churches.



Other ministries. For the 5th year in a row, **Salud** served on the committee to plan and preside the annual **FIEIDE Andalucía Ladies Retreat**. There were 280 women



this year and they used 2 hotels. It was a lot of work to register all the women and give them their conference materials. She also continues doing counseling and helps organize the **Puebla church ladies**, and just helped to decorate the church for Christmas. As for me, I taught a 6-week class on **Daniel** in the Leadership Academy at the Al-Ándalus Seminary with 9 students. It is a lay-institute program for working people who can't attend a typical seminary class. In January I plan to teach an 8-week survey of **Revelation** as a follow-up to **Daniel**. On Dec. 1st I coached the 4th expository preaching circle for the Seville area, with 8 men from 6 churches. In Feb.-Mar. will be the regional expos. preaching workshop at a camp near Málaga with about 50 preachers-teachers coming for the 3rd and final year of the regional program.

Family news: **Jonathan** is still studying for the Medical Intern Residency Exam at a special academy and has to do a practice exam every week now. It will be on Feb. 2, 2019 and his score will determine the hospital where he'll do his 5-yr. residency in oncology, which would start in June. He and **Irene** are now formally engaged! Their wedding date is set for Nov. 2, 2019. **Elisabeth** did her student-teaching this semester in her 3rd year of Elementary Education and started learning sign language. She also teaches Sun. school at her church in Granada and is very involved with the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. Salud and I are doing well and take care of Cooper and things at home. **Please keep praying for Jonathan as he studies for the MIR Exam in Feb. 2019 and for Irene and him as they prepare for their wedding. Pray for God to help Elisabeth balance all that she is doing.**

Thank you for praying for us and/or supporting us financially to serve God here in Spain. Your prayers and support make the difference in helping us to be in full-time ministry. **God bless you** for that! And **God bless you** this Christmas with hope in "**Messiah the Prince**", Jesus Christ! **Merry Christmas!**

In Jesus' love and service,

**Frank, Salud,
 Jonathan and
 Elisabeth**

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(Foto: Salud with the Puebla Church ladies on Dec. 8th.)