

The Martinez's



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“Unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think . . . unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages.” Eph 3.20-21

It has been over a month that the Lord answered prayer concerning his guidance for our ministry. Let me tell you how things are, and what lies at hand.

Our heart continues with the same desire to see the testimony of the Lord firmly and solidly expanding in our needy country of Spain. In 2017, the Lord allowed us to finish a PhD, and we pondered how the Lord was going to lead us to use our “tool box”, which was enlarging. The experience of teaching was a blessing. We have also collaborated in the governing board of the school, first as director of Practical Studies and then as Secretary. In October, the Board of Trustees contacted us about the consideration of being the new President after the present one retired this school year. And finally, on January 30th they communicated to us that they had chosen us as the candidate to fill up that position of service.

On February, 2nd, we spoke of the coming change to the congregation of the church in Vilanova. Of course, it was sad news for them. The Lord has blessed us in these years that we have served them, and we have built strong personal bonds with several believers. However, they understood, took courage in the Lord, and encouraged us for this new period in our lives and new service for the Lord. We are maintaining our pastoral position in the church until June 30th. Furthermore, we have committed ourselves to counsel them, to preach, and help as far as we are able until they find another pastor.

On the school's next day of graduation, June 23rd, there will be a public act to make this change of President public and formal. There has been made a public announcement to the students, and it has been very special to receive their congratulations and encouragement, a real blessing. On July 1st, we will also cease formally being missionary of Tentmakers Bible Mission, even though we desire to maintain a good relationship and communication in any way that TBM might desire. In any case, we will continue to send prayer letters or maintain a contact with you, dear churches and friends who have supported us all along this path, making possible the experience and preparation that now brings us to this point.



The Lord willing, then, from July onwards, the school will provide for us a salary, which as I understand will be about two thousand dollars a month, net pay, which will be enough for our living. Most possibly, being God's people such a minority in Spain and serving students who often need help, we might request some financial help either for the School or for particular students. As TBM is focused on Church Planting, we will be linked to the mission with which the school is presently connected and presently receives help. Therefore, you may cease all your support toward us from June 30th onwards. If you desire, you may direct what you contributed to us to our dear friend and “Timothy” from our Logroño ministry: Victor Ramirez. He recently entered TBM as missionary and is serving in the northern area of Spain, where we were serving till 2016. He has already been serving two years after he and his family returned from their studies in the States. Today, married and with two young children, he is beginning a church planting project, and we will be his supervisor for a period of a year, helping and maintaining frequent contact with him.

Regarding our present ministry in the church, praise the Lord, we see his hand and help in our midst. We have received some new families in the congregation. We are sharing through youtube our messages, bible studies, and brief daily devotionals (5 days a week), and it has become a blessing to those who at times cannot come to church on Sundays

because of work or to others who are getting to know us. We are planning baptisms for May, with some adults who desire to take that step of obedience.

Thank you for your prayers, friendship, and faithful support all of these years. We are just marveled at the grace of God, praying for his strength, guide, and blessing as we prepare for a new area of service. Please continue to pray for the salvation of Manuel and Isabel and others who are visiting our Sunday service. We particularly rejoice in these souls who come towards the Lord. May He richly bless us with his presence and his hand in our midst!

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Manuel and Rosa Martínez." The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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