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Dear Friends,

Christmas again reminds us –and even forces us– to remember and reflect upon Jesus’ birth over 2,000 years ago. It is a season **to remember God’s faithfulness to keep His promise** of sending His Son *to be born!*

Rom. 1:1-4 declares, “...the gospel of God, which He **promised beforehand through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh...Jesus Christ our Lord.**” (NASB) Jesus’ **birth**, as the **promised** One who came to bring salvation, is why Christmas is important! May God help you to reflect on **His faithfulness** this Christmas!



Family news. The **big** event was Nov. 2nd when **Jonathan and Irene** celebrated their **wedding** in Jaén! It was a blessing and an awesome testimony to the Lord Jesus, His work in their lives, and the love they have for each other. We rejoiced to be with them, with some of our family from N.M., with many of our Puebla church members, with Irene’s family and her church members, as well as a couple dozen of Jonathan and Irene’s friends from their school years & work. Over 230



people in all! The pastor from their church gave an excellent explanation of marriage and the Gospel from the Bible, as did Jonathan and Irene also with the personal vows they wrote



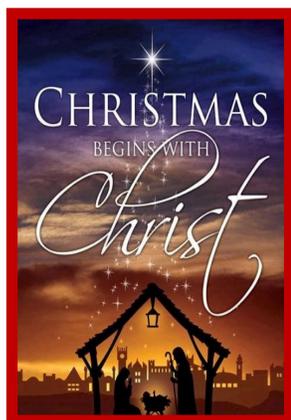
and read. We received so many good comments from both believers and non-church guests about what an impact the whole ceremony had on them. We believe that God was glorified. **Please pray for Jonathan & Irene as they start life together and begin their home and family in Jaén.** Elisabeth is in her senior year of Elementary Education at the Univ. of Granada. She also teaches Sun. school at her church in Granada and is involved in InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at the university. From Dec. 26th- Jan. 2nd she will be at the all-Europe gathering in Germany. **Please pray for her to have safe travel there on Dec. 26th and a safe trip back on Jan. 2nd.** Thank you!!



Puebla del Río Church. We’ve had a **setback at church.** In October **Jordi and Sandra** announced they were accepting the call to a church in Seville. Salud and I worked with them since June on this difficult decision and we understood their reasons. Obviously, the Puebla church was discouraged, even though we all recognize that God will use them to bless others. But it ends the plan we’ve had for over 2 years now, for Jordi to become the future pastor. They will still help in Puebla part-time until June 2020. Now we must start looking for new ministry help. **Please pray for the Puebla del Río Church as we adapt to this new phase and pray for Jordi and Sandra as they adapt to a new congregation with new people and situations.** On a positive note, three of our youth finished a 3-month discipleship course with me and received their certificate at Sunday service today, Dec. 8th!



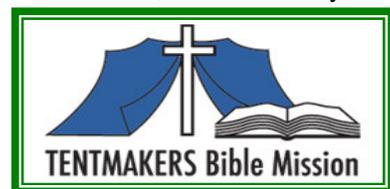
Other ministries. For the 6th year, **Salud** served on the committee for the annual **FIEIDE Andalucía Ladies Retreat.** There were 190 women this yr. at a new hotel near Gibraltar. She also has been involved with the Puebla branch of the Spanish Cancer Association, sharing with other women who are facing cancer. And she continues to volunteer a few hours each week at the **Impacto Solidario** thrift store. On Dec. 10th I start an 8-week long class on Romans at the Seville Theological Seminary with 5-6 students. The Seminary launched the new program on Oct. 4th. Because of the timing in the school year, it had to adjust the calendar to fit in all the courses by the end of June 2020. That meant my first class has to start this month and continue after Christmas. I also still coach the expository preaching circle for the Seville area, with men from 5 churches; and I do history conferences with the Seville Evangelical History Archive.



Thank you for praying for us and/or supporting us financially to serve God in Spain. You make the difference in helping us to be here. **God bless you** for that! And **God bless you** this Christmas as you **reflect** on the birth of Jesus Christ with all that it means! **Merry Christmas!**

In Jesus’ love and service,

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