

Mar. 7, 2019

Frank and Salud Benoit Apartado 43 41130, Puebla del Río (SEVILLA) Spain

Phone: 011-34-95-577-0688 E-mail: frasalben@yahoo.com

Dear Friends,

Long before Easter week, Jesus taught His disciples: "The Son of Man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and when He has been killed, He will rise three days later. But they did not understand this statement, and they were afraid to ask Him." (Mk. 9:31-32 NASB) Many people today "don't understand" why or what Jesus died for, or that He resurrected "three days later", fulfilling the Bible's

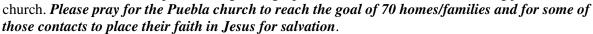
prophecies. As Easter comes in a few weeks, with its message of hope, we plan to distribute a clear explanation of the Gospel, so that people can decide about trusting in Christ for salvation (more on it below). May God help you also to explain Jesus' death and resurrection to those around you this Easter!

Puebla del Río Church ministry. The water problem on Sept. 1st has continued. We have not been able to use the room (a 16' x 25' room) for 6 mos. Through many delays, the church worked with the homeowner on the street behind us to clean the sewer line and repair the holding tank under the home (paying half the costs to get cooperation for those repairs), but sewer water still seeps in with no solution yet (except to mop it up each day). Our insurance company won't pay for repairs on our property, since the problem doesn't originate in our building. They suggest we take legal action against the homeowner, something we've tried to avoid, since legal cases here can take 5-9 years in civil court. *Please pray for the water problem to get fixed soon with the homeowner's cooperation and no need for legal action*.



In other news, we showed the movie "Overcomer" as an evangelistic event for families on Feb. 15th. There were 25 people attending, 8-10 were not church members. Everyone was touched by the story and we pray for the seed that was sown to help everyone consider who they are in Christ (*or if they are not in Him*). Finally, there is *the Easter mini-campaign* we are planning. The

goal is for 10 church families to each reach 5 families or contacts they know well, by giving them a short Easter booklet and an invitation from the church to reflect on the real meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection. We'll also give it to the 18 neighboring homes on the street the church is on. If it goes as planned we will personally *share* with over 70 homes/family units in Puebla, a potential group of over 200 people. It may not seem like a lot in a town of 12,000 pop., but if we do it, our church will see that it is possible to get the gospel to dozens of families, even being just a small



Other ministries. So far this year, Salud has been to 2 meetings of the FIEIDE Regional Ladies committee to work on the retreat for November of this year. She designed the brochure-registration and traveled with the committee to review 2 possible hotels for that. She also is involved in teaching and organizing the church's bi-weekly cell group that rotates to different church families' homes. Next weekend (Mar. 13-14th) I'll be at a regional Expository Preaching Workshop with 40 pastors and leaders, 5 of them from the Seville Preaching group that I coach. And at the Seville Theological Seminary (a new name was given in Oct. 2019), I'll be teaching an 8-week class on Current Questions in Ministry for the last module of this school year in May and June. Thanks for praying for us as we serve in ministries outside of the Puebla Church, to help Christians in other parts of Andalucía.



<u>Family news</u>: Jonathan and Irene are doing well in Jaén. We're grateful to God for how He is helping them in their new life together and in their jobs at the hospital and the high school. Jonathan plays piano on the praise team at their church and Irene helps teach children's Sunday school. **Elisabeth** just got her graduation tickets for us to attend the ceremony when she graduates in June. She also helps with the children's Sunday school at her church. A final item, which I'm excited about, is that my book

about cessationism (published in Spanish in Oct. 2017) is being prepared by a Christian publisher in the U.S. *to be published in*

English this year in both print and Kindle format, and distributed all across the U.S., so all of you will be able to get it. I'll have more news on that in our 2nd quarter letter in June, Lord willing.

Thank you again to all of you who pray for us and/or support us to have what we need so we can serve Christ here Spain. Without your support we couldn't do it. God bless you and use you to explain Jesus' death and resurrection to those around you this Easter!

In Jesus' love and service,

Frank, Salud, Jonathan and Elisabeth

