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Dear Friends,

Not thought of as a Christmas verse, Heb. 2:14-15 says: "Since then the children share in flesh and blood, He himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil; and might deliver those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives." (NASB) Christmas reminds us that

Jesus came "in flesh and blood" to save us from "the power...the devil" uses to keep people in the "fear of death." Christmas provides a great opportunity to reject the "fear of death", whether it is a pandemic, social unrest, natural disasters, or anything, because Jesus came to take it away! May Jesus take away your fear this Christmas because you are trusting wholly in Him as the One, True Savior – Merry Christmas!!!

<u>Puebla del Río Church ministry.</u> On Sept. 30th we voluntarily stopped church services due to the rise of covid-19 cases in our town. On Oct. 30th, the government imposed a 2nd lockdown. By Nov. 24th, the cases in town rose to almost 200, but now they have dropped to 154. We keep in touch with the church by the WhatsApp group and put Bible verses, prayer requests, and different video-links to Spanish pastors or ministries that have biblically sound teaching to listen to. <u>Salud</u> meets with some church ladies individually on different days. We try to help the church families to not fear the circumstances we are living in, and to not get discouraged by not being able to hold church services. Millions of Christians around the world face the same circumstances or worse. **Please pray for the Puebla church to not fear nor get discouraged while we have no church services right now.**

Other ministry. Oct. 29th, *Salud* and I attended a historic event: the dedication of a monument to a Spanish reformer who translated *the first Spanish Bible* from the original Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek. This is the first monument in Spain to a Protestant reformer. He did in Spanish what Martin Luther did in German or William Tyndale in English. What a privilege to be there at the very place where this man, Casiodoro de Reina, trusted in Christ & had to flee from the Spanish Inquisition for refuge in northern Europe. He published the Bible in 1569, 42 years before the King James version. I'm teaching a new class on Biblical Ethics at the Seminary, with 18 online students. I'm challenged at how to keep up with all these "virtual" students, *so pray for me!*



Family news. Elisabeth is working as an elementary teacher at a private school in Granada now. This spring she began a close friendship with Sam, a young man she met at her church 2 years ago. He is a missionary with a sports-oriented ministry to reach youth on the streets. His parents are missionaries in Portugal, so he knows what it was like to grow up as a "missionary kid". We've enjoyed getting to know him the past 4 months. We thank the Lord for bringing them together and giving them such a good relationship. Jonathan and Irene are still doing well in Jaén. They both had the covid-19 virus in late Oct., and had to

quarantine for 20 days, but are now fully recovered! We look forward to seeing them here at Christmas for 5 days, as well as *Elisabeth and Sam*! All of us will be together for 2-3 days. What a blessing from the Lord that will be!

We thank all of you again for praying for us, supporting us, and encouraging us. After a difficult year for many people, God has kept us supported through you all. We appreciate you and pray that God encourages you with "no fear" and many special Christmas blessings through Jesus, now and in the new year!



In Jesus' love and service,

Frank, Salud, Jonathan, Irene, and Elisabeth

P.S. – My book explaining cessationism should be out in both English and Spanish any day now! Check at Amazon, Barnes &Noble, Christian Book Distributors, Lifeway and other online retailers. Even in Christian bookstores! Thank you for checking for it before Christmas!



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