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Dear Friends,

As the pandemic ends, at least in Western countries, many people are now vaccinated and fewer infections spread to others. Salud has both shots and I have the 1<sup>st</sup> one (my 2<sup>nd</sup> one comes in July). We thank the Lord for medicine and pray for those parts of the world where it is barely available and thousands are dying. In 1 Thess. 3:11-13 it says: "*Now may our God and Father Himself and Jesus* 

our Lord direct our way to you, and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all men...so that He may establish your hearts unblameable in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus..." This passage from 1 Thessalonians expresses our prayer that God "direct our way to you" later in November. We pray for all the many details to be finished in time to travel and to see many of you!

**Puebla del Río Church.** After having the church closed for 6 months, we started services again on Palm Sunday as the covid-19 levels dropped. Easter Sunday was a very special service. But 5 weeks later our town was locked down again as covid-19 cases sky-rocketed. The families who live outside of Puebla couldn't come, so we canceled church for 3 weeks. By May 23<sup>rd</sup> we were able to open again. Obviously, this type of "now we're open, now



we're closed'' church services has affected church attendance and discouraged many of the families. This past year we've also had to do much extra cleaning to comply with the pandemic health rules. We announced that we'll be leaving for 6 months in early Nov., and that left many concerned as to who will help during our absence. <u>A</u> former FIEIDE pastor and his wife are visiting now from another part of Spain (from June 11-16<sup>th</sup>). They are considering coming to help for at least 6 months, but maybe



<u>longer</u>. Please pray for the Lord to make it clear to this couple and to the Puebla church whether this is His will to cover the ministry here for the near future (and perhaps longer!).

**Other ministry.** On June 15<sup>th</sup> I will finish teaching a Hermeneutics class with 5 undergraduate students. They say it has been very helpful. The Master's level class on the History of Christianity with 3 students & ended in March also went well. One of my students published an article based on his term paper topic in a Spanish digital magazine! The Seville Theological Seminary has grown to over 25-30 students. **My book has sold really slow in both English and Spanish** at Amazon (I only have access to statistics from Amazon, where 15 copies have sold in each language). By early July I should get news from the publisher as to the total sales for the whole semester from all retailers. It has been hard to promote from here, as much as I have tried. When we are in the U.S. later this year I'll promote it in person where I can. I've donated copies to a few seminaries in the hope that they will recommend it as a textbook in different theology classes. I thank all of you who are *reading it, recommending it to others and praying for it!* 



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**Family news.** May 14<sup>th</sup> we took the weekend for *our 32<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary*, and visited *Elisabeth and Sam*. We saw the hacienda they've reserved for their

wedding on October 10<sup>th</sup> and there was still snow on top of the Sierra Nevada mountains about 15 miles away! <u>We're going to</u> try and meet *Sam's parents* (who are retired missionaries in <u>Portugal</u>) later this month when they come to Granada. We couldn't see *Jonathan and Irene* going back to Seville, as they were covid-confined in Jaén. We hope to see them here at the end of June! And we got *Salud's visa appointment* at the



U.S. Embassy in Madrid for July 22<sup>nd</sup>. We're praying that she gets the visa and her passport back before Sept. and then we can purchase our airfare to go to NM. We plan to have *Santa Fe, NM* be our "home base" during our 6-mo. home assignment. We should have more specific details and scheduling plans about

home assignment. We should have more specific details and scheduling plans about our travel/visitation plans in our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter prayer letter in September. Please pray for Salud's visa appointment in July, for arranging things for our home, for the church and many other details, for Elisabeth and Sam's wedding in Oct. – there seems to be so much to get ready before our trip to the U.S.A. in November!

Thank you for praying for us and supporting us. *We appreciate you all* and pray that God will "*direct our way to you*" later this fall and help us be able to visit you during our Home Assignment! In Jesus' love and service,

Frank and Salud, Jonathan and Irene, Elisabeth and Sam