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Dear Friends,

Summer is over but Covid-19 continues to affect so much of the world and seems to have not been defeated. Proverbs 16:9 says: *“The mind of man plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps.”* (NASB) The verse reminds us that everyone *“plans”* things, *“but the Lord directs”* the result. Covid has affected what many people planned. We planned to be in the U.S. by early November, **now we aren’t sure** (as you’ll read below). *Please pray for God to work out the details in time* for us to travel as we had planned. It also makes our tax situation complicated, since I am supposed to leave Spain to comply with the Social Security Treaty. **Yet we trust that “the Lord directs [our] steps”** in this too!

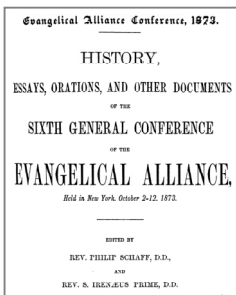
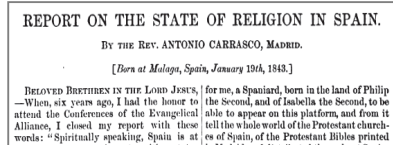
**Puebla del Río Church.** A former FIEIDE pastor and wife, **Arturo and Elisabet**, will pastor the church during our 6 mo. absence. They and their daughters will also live in our house to care for it. This is a big relief for us and the church & we praise God for working it out! *Please thank the Lord for this couple and pray for them to adapt to the Puebla church and to know if it is the ministry in which they will serve for the long-term in the future.* I hope to introduce them at the FIEIDE Andalucía regional meeting, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, so



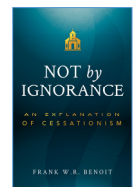
the other churches can know them (some already do since they have been in the Federation for about 12 yrs. in Valencia). That will be my last time as a member of the FIEIDE Andalucía Regional Board until we return in 2022. I’ve served on the Board for 15 yrs. and went to Córdoba on Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> for our first in person Board meeting since the pandemic began (the photo shows the other pastors/leaders on the Board).

**Other ministry.** From Sept. 21 – Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, I’ll teach

3 weeks of a Master’s level History class (on the Second Reformation in Spain in the 19 - 20<sup>th</sup> centuries) at the Seville Theol. Seminary. For the remaining 5 weeks, another professor will take the class. During the summer **I translated (English to Spanish) a 20-page document from 1873** on the work in Spain, by a Spanish pastor & a German missionary who were important leaders, now the students can read it. The report was given at the World Evangelical Alliance Congress in New York in 1873. It has valuable historical information on the Second Reformation; and had never been translated to Spanish that we know of.



**My book sold about 45 copies in English and 50 in Spanish** at all retailers. The royalty check for the Jan.-June semester was for some 95 total copies (at \$1.20 royalty each, so I



won’t get rich!!). It has two 5-star ratings on Amazon in English, and five 5-star ratings in Spanish. When we are in the U.S. I’ll try to promote it more. I thank all of you who have written me on how the book has helped you after reading it. *Please keep recommending it to others and praying for it to help many more people!*

**Family news.** In June the U.S. Embassy **canceled all visa appointments** (so Salud’s July 22<sup>nd</sup> one too), due to a work backlog from Covid. We requested an emergency interview and are waiting. We’ve written 5 times (and a dozen phone calls) to follow up but have no date yet. **On Sept. 7th we received an email saying her case has been taken under investigation to find a solution.** We’re praying that she gets the visa before the end of Sept. so we can purchase our airfare to go to NM. We still plan to have **Santa Fe, NM** be our “home base” for the 6-mo. home assignment, but now we have no set dates for speaking or traveling, or other individual visits to see many of you. *Please pray for Salud’s visa appointment to come through this month and for our trip to the U.S. in Nov. (Lord willing)!* From Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> we went to Oporto in northern Portugal for **summer vacation** and

**we visited Sam’s parents with Elisabeth and Sam.** Lord willing, we will all be together again in Granada on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> for the wedding. *Please pray for Elisabeth and Sam’s wedding in October!* **Jonathan and Irene** were able to be with us a few days at the end of June and again 4 days at the end of July! God has blessed our family very much!



Thanks for praying for us and supporting us. We pray *“the LORD directs your steps”* in all that you do this fall!

In Jesus’ love and service, **Frank and Salud,**

**Jonathan and Irene, Elisabeth and Sam**

