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Dear Friends,

In **Psalm 127:1-3** it says: *“Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it...Behold, children are a gift of the LORD, the fruit of the womb is a reward.”* The Bible says that it is the LORD God who has to *“build”* the family

and that *“children are a gift...a reward”* from Him. We believe that and practiced it when we had our children and grew our family, trusting in God to *“build”* and keep us. And we still believe that, as we look to become grandparents later this year, Lord willing! So, this letter starts with family news...

Family news. The big news that some of you heard, because we shared it a few days before we left NM, is that our daughter **Elisabeth is pregnant!** She is now 14 weeks along and will spend several days with us in Puebla this month, How we thank God for the great blessing that she and Sam will be parents in December! We thank God for the gift of their baby and pray that all will go well during the next 6 months of pregnancy and beyond. **Thank you for praying for Elisabeth and Sam and their baby!**



Jonathan and Irene are also doing well and were able to visit Lisbon in April. He has been busy speaking at some medical congresses and we're very proud of how his work is helping to improve the oncology care of cancer patients. The day after getting home, **Salud** began having a bad cold-like cough, runny nose, etc. Three days later she tested positive for Covid and we had to quarantine for 7 days until she had no more symptoms except for the dry cough. **Frank** tested negative two times, and on May 18th she also tested negative and is all well. A final highlight of our last 2 weeks was having a 3-day family vacation to visit **Mt. Rushmore** with

Frank's family from Santa Fe. On the way back to NM we were trapped in a spring blizzard when the highways ahead were closed after we were on the road. We spent 20 hrs. in our cars at a rest stop in eastern WY. That is an unforgettable family memory! But God watched over us the whole way! Two weeks before leaving we had dinner with Frank's family in Santa Fe

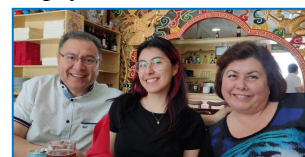


and said our goodbyes to most of them. **We're grateful to God for all of the family times we had** during home assignment, especially for Salud, who hadn't seen most of the family since 2013. It was also **a huge blessing** to see all of our supporting churches and many individual supporters in the U.S.!



Puebla del Río Church. On May 29th we held a business meeting to vote on having

Arturo and Elisabeth keep serving in the church for 18 months longer (after which time both they and the church will evaluate to continue for a longer period of time). He and his family are happy with their time in Puebla, and the church also appreciates their ministry and wants them to stay. So, the vote was unanimous for them to continue! Finances are very low though, and Arturo's family can't live on the 300 Euro stipend the church pays. But God led two churches in NM to support them for a combined \$600/month. That helps to cover more of their needs. They found a house to rent and plan to move in on July 1st, but still haven't found even part-time work because the economy here is so recessed. **Please pray the Lord Jesus will help them to find part-time work for them to continue serving in the church for a long-term period of time. Thank you!**



Other ministry. After returning, Salud kept working on **the fall Ladies retreat.** Last week she met in Seville with the committee, and they finalized things for the October retreat for 150 women. Frank is now teaching 2 sessions of a *Contemporary Ministry Issues* class at **the Seminary** to help another professor. For fall semester he will teach an 8-week Master's degree class on the Spanish Reformation, and then an undergrad class on the OT Prophetic books. Please remember that TBM's Board of Directors approved our request to raise up donations for the Seminary to buy new books, shelf space, etc.; especially for the Library's Spanish Reformation special collection. If you'd like to help with this, you can send your tax-deductible donation to TBM, designated: **Seville Seminary Library Fund.** The fund is open only for 1 year (until March 2023). **All donations go 100% to the Seminary Library. TBM withholds nothing. Please consider sending a donation** for this special need at the Library. **Thank you to those who have already sent a gift** in April and May!!!!



Thank you for praying for us and supporting us so faithfully; and also for praying for all the things we share about our ministry and family. **We appreciate you all** and pray *“the LORD builds your house [family]”* as you trust in Him!

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

(Elisabeth, Salud and her niece, Laura)