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Dear Friends,

It's amazing that 90 days have gone by since our Dec. prayer letter! But God has been working! In an unstable world filled with uncertain events 1 John 5:13 says:

*"These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may **know** that you have eternal life."* This verse was one of the first I learned as a new Christian. What a joy and comfort to "know that you have eternal life"! It's a truth that we teach over and over. On Jan. 8th one 27 yr. old man made his decision to **"believe in the name of the Son of God"** after our Sunday service, praying with us to trust in Jesus Christ (see next paragraph)! May the Lord give all of us the same faith in Jesus, and the certainty of "knowing that we have eternal life in Christ" as we face all the uncertainties that life brings to us each day!

Puebla del Río Church. 2023 is the 35th anniversary of the church, and it has been growing since November!! Just a week ago we had a picnic with 20 of us! Several people are coming from 5-6 new families. Some are believers, others are unbelievers who are seeking to know more. Last Sunday the Lord brought a retired couple from a nearby town, who are believers looking for a new church home. The young man who decided for Christ in Jan. was at his 1st church service that day! His girlfriend and their 1-yr. old son had come a few times before.



She is a "prodigal" Christian returning to the Lord. He has now read half of the NT, he wants to get baptized, and is doing a pre-baptism class with Arturo. He and his girlfriend also want to get married and obey the Lord in their family! They have been attending regularly the past 9 weeks (see this photo; the lady with them and Salud has also been coming since November). The church ladies met in February with 6 women; and the men will have our 3rd Men's breakfast on Mar. 11th (4-5 men usually come). Our big anniversary activity will be on Mar. 18th to give out 3,000 Gospels of John to every home in Puebla, in cooperation with an **Operation**

Mobilization project to reach all the towns in the province of Seville. **Pray for that!** In Oct. we plan a celebration in the Town Hall like we did for the 10th and 20th anniversaries of the church. We know that we still have challenges to face in the recovery of the church, but we are encouraged by the progress of these past months! **Please pray for the young man and his girlfriend** (their initials are J. & B.), **for the Lord Jesus to work in them, and in all the new & old attenders at the Puebla church. We believe He is answering your prayers and is moving in the lives of the contacts that are coming.**



Please keep it up!

Other ministry. On Jan. 28th, Frank gave the final conference at a history exhibit on the Spanish Reformation organized by a large Baptist church in a nearby town, and about 100 people attended. And in Feb. a new book was published about the translator of the 1st full Spanish Bible in 1569. Frank authored one of the chapters. This fall at the seminary, Frank taught 2 classes: *Christianity in Spain before 1500* and the *OT Prophetic books*. For the spring semester he's teaching 2 Master's degree classes on the Spanish Reformation. The fund to raise funds to help the Seminary buy new books, shelves, etc.; for the Special collection on the Spanish

Reformation, ends on Mar. 31st. If you'd like to help, you can still send a tax-deductible donation to **TBM**, designated: **Seville Seminary Library Fund**. The fund was just for 1 year (until March 31, 2023) and has raised \$2,050.00 to date. **All donations go 100% to the Seminary**, TBM keeps nothing. Please consider giving to this special seminary need! Thank you!

Family news. We thank God for **Jonathan, Irene** and **baby girl, Sara**, coming in May! **Elisabeth, Sam** and **Julen** are also doing well in life and work. Sam's *Ambassadors Soccer* team in Granada won 1st place at a 7-nation European soccer tournament in Croatia 10 days ago! Salud and I are very grateful to God for our kids, their spouses and our grandkids! Julen is growing so fast!



Thank you for praying for us, supporting us so faithfully, and for the generous Christmas offerings many of you gave us. **We appreciate you all** and pray God blesses you with the certainty of "knowing that you have eternal life in Christ"!

In Jesus' love and service,

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