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Dear Friends,

Luke 9:23 says: "And He was saying to them all, 'If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.'" (NASB)

This verse is the theme for the Puebla Church in 2023. We've been in a series on the Gospel by Luke all this year. The goal is to "follow" Jesus faithfully, and not put our personal goals before Him. May that be your goal!



Puebla del Río Church. On June 25th we celebrated *a joint baptism service with the Coria del Río Church.* Four adults from the Puebla Church got baptized! The monthly *men's breakfasts* continue to be an encouragement to the 5-6 men who come. They always have questions about the Christian life or getting to know more about each other. On Aug. 6th we had an open service for people to share testimonies, songs, or a Bible passage and 8-9 people did. **Salud** continues serving at the Women's meetings every 2 weeks with our co-worker, Elisabet. From Aug.

17th-21st we were blessed by the visit of TBM missionaries in TX, **Franc and Mary Ortega.** Mary shared with the women on the 19th, and Franc preached on the 20th. Then they went with us to the TBM All-Europe Field Confer. by Barcelona. **Please pray for the Puebla church and God's work in the people that come, the areas they need to have Him change in their lives, and for Arturo and Elisabet as they continue serving the church with us.**

Other ministry. This summer Salud had two Zoom meetings with the *national Ladies Committee of the Federation of Evangelical Churches (FIEIDE)*, and also two in-person meetings with the *regional Andalucía Ladies committee*, as final planning for the annual Ladies Retreat on October 20-22. She also helped a local NGO for disadvantaged families, by teaching at the kids camp for children ages 7-13, during 3 days in Aug. 8-10th. The main sessions she taught were on the dangers of the Social Networks and cell-phones, and how to be safe. Coming up on Saturday Oct. 7th she'll be teaching an all-day Women's conference at a church 40 miles from here. **Please pray for Salud and the effective ministry she has with women at the Puebla church and in other parts of Andalucía.**



On Sept. 27th, **Frank** starts teaching 5 students an undergraduate class on *Biblical Ethics* at the Seminary. One donor to the Library Fund (which ended Mar. 31st) suggested it would be nice to see the shelves and books that the funds helped to purchase, so here is a photo! **TBM Ministry.** On Aug. 22-25th, we attended the TBM Europe Field Conference by Barcelona with 20 Europe and U.S. Home Office missionaries/staff coming for 4-days, to focus on our mission to build the church, & to pray for and encourage each other. It was a very special time that we had not been able to have since 2017! The new TBM Director, his wife and one Board member came back to Seville with us for 4 days, to see our ministry area and what it's like here. We had a wonderful time with them, getting to know each other better! **Please thank God with us,**

for the hard work the TBM Home Office staff do, so that we can better serve the Lord and the people here.



Family news. We thank God for several visits this summer to/from **Jonathan, Irene and Sara,** and **Elisabeth, Sam and Julen,** and that they are all well!! The Ortegas even saw all of them! **Julen is now 9-mo.s old** and has his first photo for nursery school. While Sara is nearly 4-mo.s old. What a joy to interact with them and see their response to us and growth in knowing us as part of their little lives! **We feel blessed by God** to have our kids, their spouses and our grandkids!



On Sept. 17th, Frank will turn 65 yrs. old and has now served in Spain for 36 years. God has been faithful to help him be useful to the Gospel testimony in Spain, and that is a great gift to celebrate, along with the other blessings of our **family and people** God has put in our lives.

Thank you for being those people, for praying for us and for supporting us so faithfully. We appreciate you! May God bless you as you "deny yourself daily" and "follow" Jesus Christ! In Jesus' love and service,

Frank and Salud

