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Dear Friends,

Titus 2:11-13 says: *“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ...”* (NASB) It's part of the passage I used for the Puebla del Río Church's New Year's message on Jan. 7th. Our goal in 2024 is to be “looking for the blessed hope” of Jesus' Second Coming! As we see world problems in wars, politics, economics, scandals, etc., **we need to focus on Jesus' return as our goal!**

Puebla del Río Church. So far 2024 has brought mixed results for us as people's situations have changed. Last year we had many visitors begin regular attendance, and **at our Dec. annual business meeting 6 new members joined the church!** But other visitors have stopped coming or have attended sporadically. Also, church offerings in 2023 averaged about 740,00€ per month, but now are about 650,00€ for the first 2 months. So we start the year with mixed



results. On Jan. 16th we started a Bible study of Revelation at the request of several new members. Situations in Eastern Europe, the Middle East, and Asia have people concerned about the end of the world. 10 people come each week to learn what God's word says on that. On Feb. 28th, the Day of Andalucía, we took 13 people to visit the monastery 20 miles away where the 16th century Spanish Reformation was taught (and 2 of the monks there helped to translate and publish in 1569 the 1st Spanish Bible from the original Hebrew and Greek manuscripts & the 1st revision in 1602). **Please pray for the Puebla church folk to grow in consistency in their walk with Christ to be a strong light for the Gospel here.**

TBM Ministry. On Jan. 19th Salud and I drove to Aragón in northern Spain for the inauguration of a new church plant by **TBM missionaries Victor and Maddy Ramirez** in the town of Fraga – the 1st Evangelical church there. **We got caught in the worst blizzard to hit Spain in 3 yrs.**



and had to buy chains because the Civil Guard closed the highway and wouldn't let cars pass without snow chains! Our 6 hr. trip from Granada lasted 12 hours! But we made it and took part in the ceremony on Jan. 20th, along with leaders from the FIEIDE and 5-6 churches in the region. **Please pray for the Ramirez family and that God will bless their efforts to reach a very spiritually needy area of northern Spain.**



Other ministry. This week Salud and I go to Valencia (7-8 hrs. drive away) where I'll give two **history conferences** about Spanish women of the 16th century Reformation on Mar. 8th and 9th for the international Day for Women. Salud also will give a devotional to a Women's Breakfast Mar. 9th before my conference. Another

ministry activity that we're involved in is **the FIEIDE Seville-area monthly meeting.** Spanish pastors and wives, church workers, and foreign missionaries meet to encourage & pray for each other, and share supper together. **Salud** presided Feb. 12th with 20 of us there for a ministry presentation and a very good time of fellowship and much needed encouragement.



Family news. We thank God that **Jonathan, Irene and Sara,** and **Elisabeth, Sam and Julen** are all doing well! Julen has started

walking just a few weeks ago and Sara is now 9 months old! It's amazing how fast they are growing up! We're very blessed to be able to see them in person at least once a month! **We thank God** for our kids, their spouses and our grandkids!

Thank you all for praying for us and for supporting us so faithfully. **We appreciate you so much!** May God bless you as you look *“for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ”!*

In Jesus' love and service,

Frank and Salud

