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Dear Friends,

1 Peter 2:12 says: ***“Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may on account of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.”*** (NASB) This was the key verse in our 1 Peter series that ended on July 28<sup>th</sup>. The Puebla Church is called to be an ***“excellent”*** example to ***“the Gentiles [world] so that... they may on account of [our] good deeds...glorify God”***. We strive to do that in both the spiritual and the secular areas of our lives. May God help us, and you too, to be ***“excellent”*** examples to all around you and glorify God!!

**Puebla del Río Church.** The summer has been unusual. Attendance often has a “summer slump”, with 10-12 coming to Sunday services, or 5-6 to Thursday Prayer meetings. Yet this summer we’ve had many Sunday and Thursday services ***with up to 20 people*** (see photos), which is awesome! New visitors are



relatives of the young man taking the photo; a Filipino lady and her 2 children began coming on Sundays 6 weeks ago; and the Roman Catholic neighbor of one of our ladies. With the summer break over now, on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> we begin a new 3-month Bible study on the doctrine of Salvation. ***If only doing church was just about preaching and teaching the Bible, or the spiritual growth*** of the people who come!! **But, alas, there are secular things to be dealt with too.** The next item is an example of that. On **Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>** we have ***a special business meeting*** about **the legal process to change owners on the title deed to the church** (from the Coria del Río Church to the Puebla del Río Church). When the Puebla Church bought the property 25 years ago, it was a “mission point” of the Coria Church, had no legal status, tax number, etc., so we bought it in the Coria Church’s name. Both churches had business meetings in April & June to unanimously approve this. The Coria Church voted to ***“donate”*** it (although they never purchased it), and the Puebla Church voted to ***“accept the donation”*** (although we had already bought it 25 yrs. ago). ***What should be just a simple name change, is a complex process*** to certify: 1) the Constitution and status of each church, 2) its legal authority to dispense of property, 3) the business meeting minutes of the vote of each church, 4) certificates from the Spanish government, the Andalucía government, and the Federation of Spanish Evangelical Entities that both churches really are churches and have the tax-exempt status to do this, and 5) over 20 pages of notarized documents of all this, attached to the new title deed. All of this takes time & energy that we can’t dedicate to ministry. The Notary office has given us a \$2,000 estimate, when we thought it would be just a few hundred dollars fee. So not all of our work is for spiritual things, and this is one example of how secular items take up many work hours. **Please pray for the Puebla church to be a light for Christ to the new visitors, and also to have wisdom on how to handle the legal change & costs of the title deed to the property.**

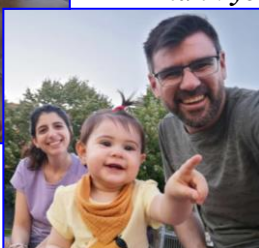


**Other ministry.** We’re happy that we had rest from other ministries during the hot summer in Seville! It helped us to survive the heat! ***Now we start a very busy fall.*** On Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, **the Seminary begins the new school year**, & I’ll teach my 16-week class for the M.A. in the Spanish Reformation on: ***“Spanish Christianity before the 16<sup>th</sup> Century”*** (I show how Roman Catholicism didn’t take over the Spanish Church until the 11<sup>th</sup> century). **In Oct., Salud and I will attend the FIEIDE Andalucía Annual Meeting near Córdoba**, and **also in Oct. I’ll teach part of an Expository Preaching workshop near Málaga**, then give two history conferences **in Huelva** to commemorate the Reformation. And **in Nov., Salud will work at the annual FIEIDE Andalucía Ladies Retreat near Málaga** for 200 women. **Please pray for our energy!**

**Family news.** We had some great family visits in August! ***Elisabeth, Sam and Julen*** were with us here, and we went to her 24-week ultrasound checkup of the baby! What an amazing thing to see her face, arms, hands, etc.!! Elisabeth is now over 6-months pregnant. **Please keep praying for God to help her and the baby to have a safe and healthy pregnancy until the baby arrives.**



We also went to Jaén to see ***Jonathan, Irene and Sara***. Sara is now walking (and also talking up a storm)! They move into their home this month. We go there Sept. 21-22<sup>nd</sup> as I’ll be preaching at their church. **Please pray for them as they adjust to their new home.** Lastly, in 7-days I will turn 66 years old. **I thank the Lord Jesus for giving me so many years to serve Him, and so many blessings in my family and ministry since I started in July 1984 as interim pastor of my home church in Santa Fe! He is faithful!**



***Thank you for praying for us*** and for supporting us to serve Christ here in Spain. ***We thank God for you!*** May God bless you and help you to be an ***“excellent”*** example to all around you for God’s glory in Jesus Christ!

In Jesus’ love and service,

***Frank and Salud***

