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Dear Friends,

**1 Timothy 6:3-4a** (NASB) says: *"If anyone advocates a different doctrine and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the doctrine*

*conforming to godliness, he is conceited and understands nothing"*. For Aug.-Sept. I'm preaching on "Godliness in the Christian life", teaching *"the doctrine conforming to godliness"* in the *"sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ"*.

We're ordered: *"discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness"* (4:7). It's also about who Jesus is and what He did (3:16 – *"the mystery of godliness"* summarizes Jesus' life and work). So we must obey the order and make the effort

**(Final home cell group, June 27<sup>th</sup>)** to grow in godliness. May God help you *to know and grow in all godliness!!*



**Puebla del Río Church.** In summer (July & August) we only have Sunday worship services and Thursday prayer meetings. All other activities (Bible study, home cell group, men's and women's meetings) are **put on hold**. The heat makes it hard for our elderly, or those who walk to church here, as the temperatures go over 100°F for days in a row. This summer was the 3<sup>rd</sup> longest heat wave of the past 100 years, with 16 days of 100-110°F. Many church folk take a Sunday to go to the beach (60 mi. west of us). Some take vacation time in July-August, so **attendance drops** to 15-18 on Sundays, and 6-10 on Thursdays. We know attendance isn't the only measure of the church's spiritual health, but it does help us all to see the level of

commitment of the church to faithfully proclaim the Gospel to the town.

On June 29<sup>th</sup> was the business meeting to tell church members that **Arturo is no longer** a pastoral candidate or elder. His last Sunday to preach was July 6<sup>th</sup>. The church paid his full July salary and a severance pay of 2 months (which the law required for 3-yrs of part-time work). He, Elisabeth and their daughter still attend while they look for a place to go. ***So the church is in a new transition. Four of the men*** are in a leadership team with me (see 3 in photo). They help preside the Sunday and Thursday services, give devotionals at Prayer meeting, and even preach a little. **Please thank God for helping the Puebla church to reorganize in a new transition, & praise Him for the members who are coming alongside to serve.**



**Other ministry.** We have a **busy fall semester** ahead!! Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, **Salud and I** will go to Córdoba for the *Andalucía FIEIDE Churches Annual meeting* (she's the Women's Coordinator and I'm a Board member). And, **Salud will work the Annual FIEIDE Andalucía Ladies' Retreat** Nov. 14-16<sup>th</sup>, near Málaga with about 200 women. As **for me**, on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> near Seville, Oct. 24-25<sup>th</sup> & Nov. 21-22<sup>nd</sup> near Málaga, **I'll teach** in Expository preaching workshops. And on Nov. 14-16, **I'll teach** an Expository preaching workshop and preach in a church in Mallorca. It will be my 1<sup>st</sup> visit to the Balearic Islands in my 38 yrs in Spain! Lord willing on Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>, **I start teaching** at the Seville Theological Seminary, with a history class on Spanish Christianity before the Reformation. It will be a busy fall for us!! Please pray for us in these different ministries, and for our health and stamina to keep up with all of it!

**Family news.** On Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>, **Sylvia was born!** (see photos) What a huge blessing for **Jonathan, Irene and Sara** to have a new member of the family—and for us too! **Please thank God for giving Irene & the baby a safe pregnancy, & pray for them to recover well from the delivery and for all the family to adapt well to the new situation at home.**



**Sam, Elisabeth, Julen and Nora** still have their **plans to move to Seville on hold**. Housing costs are way too high (double or triple). They will keep living in Granada and Sam keep serving Ambassadors Football from there. In July they spent a vacation week in Oporto (see photo) & another week here. **Pray for them to not get discouraged and to keep waiting on the Lord's time.** Also, I'm scheduled for prostate surgery later this fall (called a TURP procedure) to reduce my prostate (I have BPH). So I ask prayer for that to go well and for my recovery of a week before I can drive again, as it might affect some ministry commitments. **Thank you for praying for us, for the things we share, & for all of you who support us to serve Christ and the church here in Spain. We thank God for you!**

May God bless you with strong growth in **"godliness and the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ"**!

In Jesus' love and service,

**Frank and Salud**

