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2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Dear pastor, brethren, and friends in Christ Jesus, greetings unto you all in the sweet name of Jesus.

Thanks be to God, we're back in Spain and we are both safe and happy to be back at the mission field, together once again with the Spanish brethren. The end of 2019, and so far, 2020 have been a time of much uncertainty. We can't see much of a change for the better in the near future as we emerge into a second wave of Covid and winter is almost among us.

We ended 2019 by making a short trip to Australia to be able to spend some time with our children, and grandchildren at Christmas time, at the same time I had a cancer specialist doctor's appointment beginning of February. We hoped to be back in Spain by mid-February. It did not happen! Instead, our trip to Spain was cancelled. The travel agent booked a new date to be the 22nd of March, that didn't happen either. Later they booked the 21st of July, thanks to the Lord Australian borders allowed us to travel back to Spain on the 21st. At Sydney airport, it was very stressful going through Australian borders police, answering lots of questions through three different officers, and waiting for them to give us the Ok to go through, almost missing our flight because of it. We relaxed a bit once we were seated and plane took off.

Spain started to go through a second wave of Covid 19 in August. It's not official but, the news is warning us that things are getting really bad. As days pass more people are getting infected, and the government is fearing that it is getting out of hand. Churches can meet, but with lots of restrictions and precautions put in place. We are not allowed to pass on tracts for fear of transmission, and people are too scared to stop to talk with strangers, making it exceedingly difficult to witness to anyone. Face masks are always compulsory while out of the home and gloves must be worn while doing the grocery shopping.

The Church

The brethren have been faithful to the church's meetings, and we have had a few first-time visits. David, 26 year old single young man, trusted Christ as his savior a couple weeks ago. He started to attend our meetings sometime in January before Covid 19, and was attending via Zoom while we couldn't meet at the church building, due to the restrictions. The Lord is working in people's hearts throughout the rough times we're all facing. Matthew 16:18 He will build his church...Even through Covid 19, He has not stopped, He's still building His church. Glory to His name!

While on face 1, we must have two services on Sunday morning, one after another, with 30 minutes in between services to clean the place because only 25 people can meet at the one time. We ask you to pray for pastor Jorge Lopez. We've been in touch with him since about January, he is currently in Perú and just finished pastoring an Independent Baptist Church in the city of Miraflores and they're now preparing to come to us, and in due time to take over the Valladolid ministry.

He is a young married man on his mid 30's, with two little daughters. He is originally from Venezuela, so is his wife, but her mother is Spanish born, so they will have no trouble getting entry in Spain and

citizenship, if they so desire it. They would have been here by now, as they planned to travel to Valladolid by August but due to the Covid and travel restrictions, both in Perú and Spain, they had to postpone it. They're now praying and hoping to be here before Christmas, depending on been allowed to travel or not. He will be helping me with the ministry in Valladolid, while I'll be able to dedicate more of my time in the ministry of Zamora.

We have seen a hall building that would be suitable for us at a good price, we are currently talking with the owners, two sisters that inherited it from their parents. They would like to sell and split the money between them. They don't want to wait too long, they had it for 80,000 euros and we offered them 50.000 euros, and after a while they came down to 55.000 euros.

They are still doing all their paperwork from the inheritance before they are allowed to sell, so they asked us to be patient and wait a bit. We told them that we also needed time to be able to raise the money. Also before that, we need to make sure that we are going to have the council's approval for the church's license on that particular property.

We have a couple of churches in Australia and an individual pledging some money towards the purchasing of a hall in Zamora. We're far from the 55.000 euros that we need and there will be also the cost of purchasing, lawyer, papers, taxes and all. We are waiting for a quote on the total cost for purchasing this hall. We know, that if it's God's plan He will make a way for us to be able to get it. He will open or shut the door and we'll accept it as His will, one way or the other. Times are hard now and not everyone will be able to help financially but one way you are all able to help is by praying for this need and leaving the rest to God.

Our Health

My health is no doing too bad. I thank the Lord every day for His strength in me, for I know it comes from Him. Elisabet on the other hand, is experiencing a few troubles with her health and needs you to pray for her while doctors try to help her to get better.

Prayer Points

- Hall for new ministry in Zamora
- Pastor Jorge and his family (George in English)
- New visitors
- New converts. Pablo, David, Carmen, Yadira, Luciano
- Jorge, preparing for baptism
- Elisabet's health
- My health (Praise God, I'm not too bad)
- Church in Valladolid
- Young people's ministry
- Sunday school ministry
- Ladies ministries
- Men of Valour's meetings.
- Bro. Luis and Bro. Fausto's Bible collage studies, preparing for the ministry.

We thank you for your prayers and faithful financial support for the ministry in Spain.

May the Lord find all of us faithful to His calling for our lives. Amen!

Because of Calvary.

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