



Dear Pastor and Co-laborers,



Dec.2017

We thank God for calling us to the country of Spain. We are so thankful that God has entrusted to us this ministry. We have seen so many come to know the Lord as their Savior through the years and all are special to us.



We rejoice that three more precious people have decided to follow the Lord in baptism in October. They are mother Eva and her two children, son Silvio 15 and daughter Carla 19 years old. Please continue to pray for the father Richard's salvation who also attends church.



Also in October we held our annual mission conference, church picnic and a regional youth conference. A family of four came to stay with us for 9 days; the husband is from Venezuela and wife is Spanish. The church was considering the possibility of him as pastor. Sad to say it was clear to see some problems in the future. But, God has opened a new door! A young man in our Church, Roberto who is a lawyer, feels the call of God. I have started to prepare him to take over the church in the near future. It will not be easy because of his work that could occupy quite a bit of his time. It really is all in God's hands.

In November we started a four week out-reach ministry of cooking classes again. We ask the people of the church to invite unsaved friends and some members help out with the cooking. It is always a blessing as we see our unsaved friends come and listen to a devotion. Pray with us for those who came and heard the Gospel in these classes. We are thankful for our daughter Michele and Tania of the church who took turns with Florence and me in the devotions. Now that we are in Dec. as most know there is so much going on for Christmas. A church Christmas banquet was in the first part of the month. There was joyful music in the air with a mixture of Spanish Christmas carols and hymns, games and a gift exchange then it was off to a Chinese restaurant for diner. The children are excited as we are preparing for our Christmas program.

One of the good things that is happening is that we are getting together with a Romanian Baptist church in the area for fellowship. Friday we go together to a senior citizen home to sing Christmas songs, also I will bring a devotion and speak on how Christmas is about giving not receiving. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.

The African church also is doing well. The landlord gave us a choice of loosing half of our space to maintain the rent or keep all the space and pay double the rent. They chose to have half the space. The men helped me build a wall separating the auditorium into two parts. A room for the preaching and the other part is for Florence's Sunday school class. We also had a nice Christmas pot luck diner with them with songs and food from the different countries represented. Thank you for your prayers and for loving our people. Merry Christmas to all and to all Merry Christmas!

*To all who gave a Christmas offering
Thank you so very much*

Dave & Florence McDonald

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