



The Torres Missionaries to Spain

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Dear Pastor and Friends,

Our God says in Jeremiah 33:3 *"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not"*. In the last year most of the people in our church have lost their jobs. At present Spain's unemployment is at 21%, but our God is great and faithful, one of the verses that we have on one of the church walls is Luke 6:38 *"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again"*. The little that our people have they give to those that have none and what a blessing it is to hear the testimonies of how God has used unbelievers to bless them... *shall men give into your bosom*. I know that some will say that is talking about believers giving, but believers or not our people are getting blessed for caring about others.

In the months of August and September our city was full of visitors from other parts of Spain and Europe and this year we had more Christian brothers visit our church than before. It was truly a blessing; one of the most memorable visitors was a young girl from northern Spain named Sonya. On the first Sunday of her visit, she came in asked for me, presented me with a letter from her pastor, baptismal certificate and told me that she would be in Javea for a little over a month and where could she serve. We put her to work that same Sunday, as one of our Sunday school teachers was sick so Sonya stepped right in and did a great job. Now we have many invitations to visit our new friends in their countries or in different parts of Spain. Maybe one day when we have time it would be nice to visit them.

We also had the local police come by the church on a Thursday night while we were having a Bible study, no music on, or singing, but they said that we were making too much noise. This was not true, because I was the only one doing the talking. First time in twenty-five years that this has ever happened, they also asked for the legal papers of the church and that we needed to be quieter. They continued for the next few days to drive by the church while I was there, slowing down and looking in, all this was just harassment. But praise God that we have a good relationship with the City Hall and especially the mayor's office. I spoke to him a few days later and he assured me that he would take care of it and for us not to worry. Since then no more surprise visits or drive bys.

Rafa, Patricia's older son who got saved just two months ago, came forward and surrendered to serve the Lord in any position that God wanted him to. Pastor, evangelist, missionary whatever, Patricia, his mom, told me that he tries to go out every day with his Bible and speak to whomever the Lord puts in his way. She said that he comes home at night so happy and excited because he was able to share God's word with someone. Now it's time to prepare him for the future. Please pray for this young man, I forgot to mention that he also speaks three different languages and that he is over 6 feet tall and looks like a football player with padding on. He looks so overpowering that I would even stand and listen to whatever he has to say.

Also the young people and their puppet ministry have gone over so well that they have been asked to prepare a Christmas program and present it to the children of an orphanage in Gandia. Even though it's two months away they are getting ready and excited for the opportunity that the Lord has given them. Our church along with the English Baptist Church will be preparing some goodies and gifts for the children.

This last week in October we had our Missions Conference and International Banquet, and we had two missionary families visit and they shared their ministries. One family the Day's were from the U.S.A. and the other family the Chadwick's are from England, both are missionaries in different areas and minister to the English speaking here in Spain. You would never think that so many English from the U.K. and some from the U.S. live here on the coast of Spain. On Sunday we passed out the Faith Promise cards and at the end the people in our church pledged by faith 11,420 Euros, that is \$16,004.05 As it says in 2 Corinthians 8:2 *"How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality."* God is so good! Even with most of our people out of work they still give of what they have.

Carolyn and I want to thank you for your prayers and faithful support of our ministry here in Javea, Spain. May our God bless you all with His abounded love and grace.

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