



The Sanchez Family

Reaching Spain for the Glory of God!

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"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord".
1Corinthians 15:58

Dear Pastor,

The promises of God are there for us to use any time they are needed. So we do at this time.

We have recently had our annual business meeting at our church. In my Pastoral Report, I expressed how challenging this year has been for me and my wife. We have seen a total of 16 people move to different places and leave our little church. First of all Juan and Pilar moved to a different house. There is another church closer to their home, so they decided to attend that church. Then another couple moved to Brazil. She is from there, and he is Spaniard. They were engaged and went to get married and live there. Then, another family with two children moved to Sevilla, in southern Spain, for work. Several months later another elderly couple also from Brazil, went back to finish their lives there. Then, in June, the Adair family left Spain to go back to the States. He went back to his secular job. Finally, in December, a Romanian man named Marcelo, because of his difficulty to find a regular job, decided to go back to Romania with his family. This is not good news, but it is the reality. We are praying that this year the Lord would provide an increase in our church. Please, join us in your prayers.

Even with this decrease in our attendance and membership, the Lord has appointed for us to give to Missions during this year 2008 the amount of 6.360€, which is about \$9,500. It is about the same amount as we had at the beginning of last year counting the many people who have since left. Pray that we may give that amount for God's glory and the sake of the 7 missionaries we support. We give 75€ (\$110) to each of them every month.

We know you are concerned about the exchange rate between the Dollar and the Euro. We are becoming more and more pressed by that. From one side is the exchange rate, from the other, it is the economic situation which is growing worse and worse in all of Spain. Inflation has gone up 4.4% since last year. Interest alone went up to 50€ (\$75) per month in our case.

But, as we have said above, we must trust in God's promises. They are for us, and they are real. Pray for us that the Lord may give us strength. We know God has put us here, and at due time He will perform His work. Time is in His hands, and, "Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain" Psalms 127:1. Would you join your prayers with ours?

Besides all this, we are still teaching and preaching. My sermons on Sunday nights are on the book of Colossians. We are studying the Greatness of Christ in different areas. On Wednesday we are teaching on the book of Romans. And in our Sunday School times, we have been studying about divorce in the Bible: "What Does God Say About Divorce?" This next Sunday we will start some studies on Christ and the Tabernacle. We are excited about that.

We want to express our gratitude for all your Christmas cards and gifts you sent for our family. We want you to know how much we appreciate them. They came out of a great effort on your part. We know that. Thank you very much to every one of you.

We also appreciate your prayers in our behalf and your faithfully sharing with us God's provision for you. Thanks to that we can stay here faithfully preaching the Word. Receive our gratitude and love in Christ.

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"Finally, brethren,
PRAY FOR US,
 that the word of the
 Lord may have free
 course, and be glorified,
 even as it is with you"
 (2 Thessalonians 3:1)