



The Sanchez Family

Reaching Spain for the Glory of God!

April-May 2009

Dear ,

These recent months have been very challenging for us. We came to the States last February 12th, the day after we got a 10-year visa. Once we arrived in the States, we tried to contact all the pastors and churches that we have not been able to visit since 1999. As of now, we have already been in Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, North and South Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee, and Georgia... now we are on to the Eastern part of North Carolina, Brooklyn, NY, Florida, and South Carolina again. We plan to go back to Spain the 21st of July, the Lord willing.

In the midst of these travels, we had to go back to Spain twice. Fina's mother was not feeling well. My wife was planning to go back to Spain to see her mother and put her in a nursing home close by our home in Madrid with the intention of having her close when we finish our furlough. I decided to go with her, so that Friday we drove from Kings Mountain, NC, to Detroit, MI, to leave Samuel with his sister. It was going to be a very short trip to Spain. On Saturday the 9th, we flew out of Detroit to Madrid. We arrived Sunday morning at 8AM. We got home, took a shower and got ready for church. Fina's sister was arriving with their mother on Tuesday. Everything was ready for her admission to the nursing home. The people that work there know Fina very well. The following Friday we came back to the States. On Saturday, we drove from Detroit, MI, to Chesapeake, VA. We had two churches to visit that Sunday. The next day, we called to see how Nicolasa (Fina's mother) was doing in the nursing home. They told us that she was at the hospital in serious condition. Realizing that she was not going to endure much longer, that same evening we went from the hotel in Chesapeake to Washington DC to get a flight back to Spain. This time all three of us - Fina, Samuel, and I traveled. Fina was able to stay with her sister beside their mother until Nicolasa's last breath. She went to be with the Lord on Thursday the 21st at three o'clock in the morning. That day we were at the funeral home, and Friday we traveled to Barcelona (about 6 hours by car). She was buried in Barcelona alongside her husband.

We want to thank Bro. John O'Malley for helping us find our airline tickets so quickly. We also want to express our gratitude for your prayers and willingness to help us with the extra tickets we had to purchase.

We had the opportunity to check first-hand that the church is doing well. Brothers Josue, Manuel and Alberto are doing a great job. We thank the Lord for them. Our people stay faithful.

We apologize for this very personal letter. We do not like to talk much about us, but this time is a unique exception. We hope you will understand.

Please pray for those relatives and friends that heard the funeral service. Most of them were unsaved. Please continue praying for us and for our remaining travels.

In Christ's holy name,

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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."
(2Thessalonians 3:1)*