

The Sanchez Family Reaching Spain for the Glory of God!

> Prayer Letter March-May 2012

"The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and addeth no sorrow with it." Proverbs 10:22

Dear Prayer Supporters,

What a simple and big truth we find in this verse of God's Word. Many so-called "blessings" add some sorrow to our lives, but those that come from God always are joyful. No sorrow is found in them.

It is very difficult for us to count as blessing anything that causes sorrow. We cannot count as blessing only the things that we enjoy at the present. This would be to live by sight, but we are called to live by faith. So if any thing seems at the moment to be a sorrow, we should wait to see what God has beyond.

## Losing people

The unemployment rate has by now reached 25 % in Spain. Last month, we had to say bye-bye to Bro. Tito and his mother, Pola. They had to go back to their own country, Peru, to live there. Pola is retired, and her son is single, but he has had been unemployed for more than three years. They sold everything and went back home. We are very sad for that, but at the same time we are happy because they had the chance to know the Lord here in Spain. Three years ago, they were saved and baptized here in our ministry.

Also, Alex and Mariana Scarlat moved to a different area for work two months ago. Since they are Romanians, their boss was using them as if they were slaves-about 18 hours a day of daily work, no weekends free, just Thursdays. They could find a better job in a different place.

Since our situation here in Spain is so difficult, we are afraid that more and more members from our church will go back to their own countries. Our confidence though, is still in the Lord. He is the One who gives and takes away. He is the Master.

## **Baptismal Service**

Even so, we are very glad that four people are going to get baptized on June 17. Their names are: Daniel, Rafael, Raquel, and Paula. We are excited about the opportunity this baptismal service is going to provide to preach the Gospel to other people. Pray for it as well.

## Trip to Oviedo



Every year we receive an invitation to attend a 24 hour ladies meeting in Oviedo, at the North West part of Spain. We travel some 400 miles to attend it. This year, seven of our ladies had the opportunity to make the trip. Fina has again been invited to speak to the ladies. In the pictures, you can see the group from our church singing and my wife speaking.



#### A Blessing

For many, many years we did not hear any instruments at church. Now, from time to time we have



some special music in our services. Bro. Miguel (piano player) started piano classes about two years ago. He started from nothing, and now is able to play some simple specials. Bro. Clemente (violinist) was saved in August 2010. He is growing in the Lord very rapidly. Last year, he decided to learn by himself at home, and we are so glad to see the improvements he is making. It is just amazing. The picture to the left is a snapshot of one of their specials in the services.

Our Christian love and gratitude are with you. May God bless you all; at least in the same way you are a blessing to us. Thanks so much for your prayers and financial support.

The Sanchez Family, Your missionaries in Spain

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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)