



Dear Supporters,

It is time to let you know what has happened in the months since December.



As you already know, I have had a very painful time since my dear wife literally went from my hands to be with her Lord. It happened on December 7. That very same morning, she went with some other ladies to set Christmas decorations in the church. She served the Lord until the last day. Around 9:00 pm, she was lying on the couch, and I was sitting beside her. She told me, "I think I'm going to faint." Then she said it again, and suddenly, her soul went with the Lord. No pulse was in her wrist. I tried to recover her with cardiopulmonary resuscitation, but nothing worked. In few minutes, the ambulance came home, and a group of doctors and nurses were with her for about half an hour. Then the

chief doctor came to me and said, "There is nothing we can do for her; she is dead." The next step was to take her body to the funeral home. She stayed there until Damaris, our daughter, came from the States with her two older children, Alexander and Eva. Fina died on Monday, and Saturday morning, we all went to Barcelona (about a six-hour drive away) to perform the burial. I had two very good opportunities to present the gospel before some unsaved friends and neighbors: one in the funeral home and another in the graveyard. Here is the picture of the place where her body is waiting for the resurrection. She will go first and then me if the Lord comes soon. The words say, "*The dead in Christ shall rise first.*"



The passing of my wife gave me several opportunities to present the gospel to some unconverted individuals. One of them was Samuel's psychologist. She works at the special place where our son is staying. I talked to her for more than an hour, and she listened very attentively. Pray that the Lord will touch her heart. Also, a priest came to pray for Fina while she was in the funeral home. He asked my permission to pray for her, and I thought to myself, *this is a good opportunity to talk to a priest.* I said, "She does not need prayer any longer. She is now with her Lord Jesus, enjoying Him forever. You are the one in need of prayers because you are still alive and do not know where you'll go when you die. My wife is with God because she trusted in the only sacrifice of Christ without works. God's promise is that we are justified only by faith. You are in real danger because your faith is in something other than that. The Bible says that there is only one Mediator, and you say there are two, Mary and Jesus. Your soul is in very great danger because nobody can contradict the Scriptures' teachings and go to heaven. You all have a big problem because you follow your traditions and what other men have said, most of the time contradicting the Word of God. You should read the Bible by yourself and try to follow its words. When a person dies, everything is settled; there is nothing you can do about. And there are only two places you can go: Heaven or Hell. My dear wife trusted in the promises of God, and she is now with Him. There is no need to pray for her. I will pray for you and your salvation."

Before Fina went to heaven, we sold our house to be able to move to Valladolid. I am now doing what we had planned. We believed that it was God's will, and I still think the same even though I am now alone. So, I started to move our belongings and have paperwork to deal with because the situation has changed. Recently, I moved from our house to a nice apartment.

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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)

Concerning the new church: First, I must express how thankful I am for the kind donations we have received from our home church and a couple of other churches and individuals. It has been a very big help to get us started. The remodeling is almost finished. Now we need to deal with some of the requirements city hall asked us to do to function as a Baptist church. That means some more money for engineering work, fees, etc. Also, I want to take the opportunity to say thanks so very, very much for all of your sympathy cards and notes you sent during this time. You have been a deep comfort through them and your prayers. Here are a couple of pictures of the outside remodeling and the first day we met in that building.



Our prayer is that this place will be a point from which the glory of God and His Gospel may shine upon the people of this 300,000 person city that is in great need of knowing Christ and His salvation. Please pray for the Iglesia Bautista Vida Nueva (New Life Baptist Church) in Valladolid, Spain.



A final word about Samuel, our son: He is so happy where he is that I would like to send you a picture of both of us during one of the restricted visits we have had.



Something else before I finish: when Samuel's grandmother died, I told him, "Yaya (which is what most of the grandmothers are called here) got very sick, and now she is in heaven with the Lord." Samuel never asked again, "Where is Yaya?" When Fina passed, I prayed to my Lord to help me tell Samuel about his mother. I tried to say the same as I did with his grandmother, and thanks be to God, he has never asked me, "Where is Mama?" This is a tremendous blessing for me. Any of you who ever met Samuel know what a mama's child he was. He always wanted to be with her. Whenever she was out of the home, he asked over and over, "Where is mama?" until she came back. Praise the Lord with me about that miracle!

I very often give thanks to our God for your support, both in your prayers and your faithful giving to us for this ministry here in Spain. May the Lord bless you in the same manner as you all are a blessing to us.

Receive our love and deep gratitude. We are so happy that we love and serve the same Lord. Let us keep on and be faithful to Him. He is worthy.

In Christ's holy name and at His service,

Bro. Sanchez
Your missionary in Spain

P.S. Here is where Valladolid is located.

