



Chalks in Córdoba

Missionaries to
SPAIN

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“We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints.”

- Colossians 1:3-4 NKJV

Dear Partners and Friends,

Greetings in the name of Christ. We are studying Colossians in our Thursday night Bible study and as we read the above verses we thought of you, our faithful friends and supporters. We do give thanks for you and pray for you. Your love for the saints is evident by your interest, concern, prayers and support for missionaries. We are grateful for you.

Holy Week passed with its usual schedule of processions from 5pm to 5am Monday through Good Friday. We were out on the streets passing out a leaflet that said Jesus was not on the cross, not in the tomb, but He is risen from the dead and He is calling you to come to Him – not to a religion or to a church, but to Him, to receive forgiveness of your sins and life eternal. This was followed by John 14:6: “Jesus answered, ‘I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’” Our mission is to share Jesus with the people here in the city-center of Córdoba.

Ann continues her bread ministry to the people on the streets. Many of them look forward to her coming, not only for the bread, but for someone to be kind to them and talk to them and treat them as human beings. There is one older couple out every day; he plays the violin and she asks people for money for the music. They are very nice and we always stop and talk to them. His mother was a strong Christian and took him to church as a child. We have good discussions about what it means to be a Christian. They are from Hungary and wanted to go back to their home country for the hot summer months here. There are much fewer people out and they cannot make enough money to sustain themselves. Thanks to our supporters, we were able to give them an offering to help with their trip.

Our Thursday night meetings in the hotel continue. The attendance has been down for various reasons. One attendee is working in France for a few months, two have returned to Columbia for a visit, others are sometimes working on Thursday evenings. But we continue inviting people and ministering to the ones the Lord brings each week.

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Our dear friend, Antonio Gomez, the retired founding pastor of the Baptist church here, is very critical in the hospital in Madrid. He is the one we drive to his preaching engagements in other cities. Our last trip with him was in January to Badajoz, Spain. On May 5, Jack called him in Madrid where he was visiting family. They had a nice conversation and were looking forward to seeing each other the following week. Later that night he had an aortic aneurism break and his heart stopped for 5 minutes. After surgery it was doubtful if he would live and if he did, he almost certainly would have brain damage.

Over the next few days he did live, became alert and recognized his family. Then on April 19, the doctor found a perforated intestine with peritonitis and they had to do another emergency surgery. At this writing he is still alive and enduring all surgeries. He could be facing another surgery if an infection does not clear up soon. Pastor Antonio is like the Bishop of the Córdoba province and is well-loved all over Spain. He is also Jack's best friend here in Spain and we are feeling the pain of the family. The photo is Antonio seeing us off at the train station as we were leaving for the States. Please pray for Antonio and his family.

D&D Missionary Homes has been reduced to a P O Box and a bank account with \$4.5million in it. They are making some noise about buying other property in central Florida, but the question remains: Why sell the 55 homes that were paid for and donated for the purpose of missionary housing?

We were delighted to have visits from Graham and Hazel Black from Aberdeen in March, and Jack's daughter, Melissa, in April. We were not able to see her while we were in the States so we appreciated very much her coming here to see us.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support as we serve here in Spain.

Love in Christ,