



Chalks in Córdoba

Missionaries to

SPAIN

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**“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men
on whom his favor rests.” (Luke 2:14)**

**“Do you think I came to bring peace on earth?
No, I tell you but division.” (Luke 12:51)**

Dear Partners and Friends,

Christmas and New Year's greetings from Córdoba. We all remember the angel's announcement to the shepherds about the birth of Christ as rendered in the King James Version: "Peace on earth, good will toward men." That is an unfortunate translation of the Greek as confirmed by the later words of Jesus to his disciples. Jesus Christ came to bring division: between light and darkness, good and evil, family members, religions, politicians. Jesus Christ is the great division in time (BC and AD) and eternity (heaven or hell). God's favor rests on people that accept Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord, and these are the ones who have God's peace.

We had a quick but wonderful trip to Scotland in November. It was so good to see our friends there and to meet the new minister of Gilcomston Church. Everyone was so kind to us and we appreciate the Whittakers and the Walkers for providing good food and warm beds. Thank you to all that made our trip so enjoyable.

Here in Córdoba it is cold at night (30°). Ann's ministry to the homeless and beggars has taken on new meaning as only those who are really destitute will endure the cold to be sitting on the sidewalks seeking help.

As we approach the new year, we ask that you help us pray about the direction of our ministry here in Spain. Impersonal outreaches of handing out Gospel leaflets on the streets and a public Bible study have not produced the results we had hoped for. We sense the Lord leading us to pursue the personal relationships that we have made with neighbors, waiters, store clerks, etc. with one-on-one ministry. What is so lacking here is a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ even among the very religious. We are the only Americans that are seen as locals here in the city-center, and thus, we are remembered by the people we meet. We want to capitalize on that and focus on personal relationships leading people to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

We pray God's favor rests on you this Christmas and that you know the personal peace that comes with a personal relationship with the Son of God born of the virgin girl, Mary, on what we celebrate as Christmas Day. Thank you so much for helping us through another year of missionary ministry. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

Love in Christ,

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