



Chalks in Córdoba

Missionaries to

SPAIN

Reporting on the Activities of
July - August 2020



**SO WHETHER YOU EAT OR DRINK OR WHATEVER YOU DO, DO IT ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD
1 CORINTHIANS 10:31**

Dear Partners and Friends,

What a mess the world is in! Before you can get used to one change it changes. The COVID-19 pandemic is bad enough. People don't seem to have enough sense to stop and deal with it before they get on with their lives. We are not talking about the ongoing need for income to pay for food and shelter. People have to have an election that produces politics of vitriol. People have to riot, loot, and shoot. People have to demand their rights even if their rights are wrong and dangerous in this pandemic.

The world is changing but the duty of a Christian has not changed. We are to live soberly, righteously, and godly in the midst of this wicked and perverse generation. We must be able to sanctify whatever we do. In other words, if what we are doing cannot be done for the glory of God, we had better not do it.

With the COVID-19 and the heat of summer, our outside ministry has all but shut down. Ann has started her bread ministry again, but the heat (over 100 F every day) makes it difficult for her. There has just started to be more people on the street asking for money. Ann was able to buy some medicine for someone on the street that she has known for a long time that was asking for help. Some look like people that were able to work before the pandemic shut so many businesses. The economy of Córdoba is based mainly on the tourist industry and there have not been many tourists here since March. Many hotels and restaurants have closed. The unemployment rate in Córdoba is still the highest in Spain. Jack continues to work on his new book and to write posts for his blog at www.JackChalk.blog.

July was a time of dealing with personal issues, beginning with the sudden death of Ann's only English-speaking friend here. She and her husband lived about 25 miles from Córdoba and have been friends of ours for several years. Then Ann's Mom had a heart attack. With the increasing virus cases and all the quarantines, flying to the States is impossible for us so this had to be handled by telephone.

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Thankfully, Ann's Mom is home and is better and is in her family's care. Then, Jack went into the hospital to have another catheterization of his heart (his 4th) and to receive another stent in his heart (his 14th). Then, on August 9, the husband of Ann's friend had a serious car accident and spent several days in ICU in Malaga. He was discharged early because of a COVID-19 outbreak in the hospital and is now recovering at their son's home close to Malaga. Also, Ann has lost several close family members in close succession. In all of these things, the Lord has shown Himself faithful, merciful, comforting, and in charge. Where would we be without the Lord?

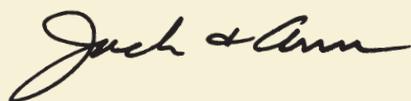
Speaking of the faithfulness of the Lord, with all that is going on in the U.S. in the economy and the turmoil in society, the value of the dollar keeps decreasing on the international currency markets. That means that missionaries are receiving fewer of the local currency they need for the dollars of support they receive. For us it is euros. It cost us \$1.07 to buy one euro in April. Now it costs us \$1.18. That means that we are getting almost 200 euros less for \$2,000 transferred to Spain than four months ago. All missionaries on foreign fields are experiencing the same reduction in their local currencies.

But God has been faithful to us. We have always considered ourselves as being fully funded. That is because we are dependent upon the Lord and are content with what He supplies through you, our faithful supporters. Sometimes it seems like it is not enough; sometimes it seems it is too much, but it is all-sufficient for our needs. For that, we are grateful to Him and to you. Our supporting churches are not supplying us with the names of people that contribute to our support, so we have to thank you knowing that the Lord knows who you are and our joint accounts in heaven are being accurately kept. Thank you so much.

Hopefully, this pandemic will be over soon and life can resume again for us all. We won't say "as normal" because, with the rapidity of changes, nothing will be normal.

May the Lord bless and keep you.

Love in Christ,



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