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We thank God for all that we have been able to do this year and for the 20 years of public witness in the city of Almuñécar. We continue to be encouraged and confident in what God can still do in this place.

Last September we were very happy to return from the Spanish Reformed Churches Camp with the Church of José de Segovia in Madrid to see their growth and how this year the attendance exceeded 100 people. We believe that Manuel's three messages on the person and work of the Lamb of God were of great blessing and edification.

In October we began celebrating our 20th anniversary where we were blessed to have with us Manuel and Kimberly Padilla, a missionary couple who were instrumental in the beginning of the work here, as it was thanks to them that Manuel was invited to come and take charge of the work in Almuñécar. We enjoyed their ministry and fellowship very much. We also had with us the pastor and some brethren from the Reformed Baptist church in Malaga.

We finished the month with another important activity with brethren from Richhill Presbyterian Church, and we want to take this opportunity to thank Jon, Ian, Jenny, Faith and Fabricio from Saints and Poets, who not only helped us with worship in the church (we are praying for brothers or sisters with musical gifts), but they gave a free concert in the city Auditorium, performing many songs with evangelistic message and Christian hymns. About 200 people attended and again, in the middle of the concert, Jon gave his testimony and the Gospel was preached. Thanks to this activity, we have been able to have very good conversations, our relationship with the Town Hall is closer and a Swedish couple who spend some time in Almuñécar, visited us in the church on Sunday.

Sadly, Alexandra's 17 year old daughter Sarah, who was attending the sewing workshop, is in a very serious condition in Granada Hospital in the oncology department where she has undergone many tests in the hope of finding out what type of cancer is damaging her. This week they started chemo, but her body is rejecting it. She is very swollen, in a lot of pain and is fighting between life and death. It has all been very sudden, we ask for urgent prayer for her and her family, that the Lord will use this situation to bring them closer to Him.

As for the workshops we have been running, the sewing workshop is being attended by the sister (Luisa) and the daughter (Eli) of Mari Carmen, the last sister baptised this summer. Neither of them are believers yet, but both are attending church and we hope that the Lord will do His work in them.

The English activities workshop for children that Kevin and Wendy are running is also being a great

blessing where we have met new families and they attend regularly. In the same way, the school support workshop that our sister Belén has started is also being a tool to meet new families and bring them closer to the church. We want to highlight Román and his family, a very nice man who attended at the beginning of the church years ago, but never committed himself to the Lord and we see how he is now wanting to get closer to his daughters through this activity, but for some reason it is not being easy for him.

We continue to pray for the project to purchase new church premises. The Stranmillis church in Belfast has printed brochures of the project which will be sent to contacts and to any person or church interested in supporting this project. We have found a suitable premises, but until we raise the necessary funds, and although the bank has confirmed that they will grant us a mortgage, we have decided not to take any steps until we have sufficient funds. Any person or church interested in supporting this project can do so through EMF or directly with us. All help is welcome. To date, we have a commitment from a Christian organisation that is willing to donate €100,000 and some €16,000 in personal offerings.

As every year, on such a symbolic date as Three Kings Day in Spain, the 6th of January, we will be performing a concert in the Almuñécar Auditorium where we will also, as every year, preach the gospel to the audience. Last year more than 200 people attended.

We are praying for volunteers, people or families who can spend a few months or some time among us and put the gifts that the Lord has given them at the disposal of the church. We especially need people with musical gifts, or who can work with children (no need to speak Spanish), or any other activity that could be beneficial to the church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Sarah and her family, that the Lord may give wisdom to the doctors and if it is His will, may heal.
- The different activities and workshops that the church is doing to serve the community, build bridges and preach the gospel.
- The new people who are coming to the church, for the conversion of these people.
- For the church and the individuals who receive the brochure with the project, to support the purchase of the church premises in Almuñécar so that the work can be established for the future.
- For volunteers to come and collaborate with the church here in Almuñécar.
- For the pastoral family.



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