

Bill & Therese Williams

December 2017

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

to all of our faithful supporting churches, friends, and family!

2017 - A Year of Great Blessings in the Lord's Work

Another year of so many blessings from the Lord! We praise the Lord for his goodness, and Therese and I do thank you, our faithful churches, for your steadfastness in prayer and financial support for me and Therese and our ministry.

THE FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH OF PALENCIA

This year has seen great advances at the Faith Baptist Church of Palencia! Several new families have joined with us, and two teens have been saved and baptized. In our December prayer letter last year, we asked your prayers for a new building as we were having a serious space problem in our old building. Well, somebody must have been praying because within a month we were contacted by the rental agency of a building we had seen the summer before, which is three times the size of our old building. We were not able to rent it at that time, because the rental price was out of our reach. Nevertheless, we were informed last February that the landlord had drastically reduced the rent, was willing to give us a ten-year contract, and six months free rent! So we leased the building in February and began renovations in March. By June, we were able to begin holding services, and by August most of the renovations had been completed.

Also in June, Valentin and Laura Lucaci moved up to Palencia to join with us. Valentin is the interim pastor while Therese and I are on furlough. He has been doing a great job pastoring the church since last August. Lord willing, we will begin the transition of the pastorate with Valentin upon our return to Spain in March! The transition of the pastorate will fulfill the goal which we set five years ago of establishing an autonomous Baptist church in Palencia!

MINISTRY NEEDS

Even though we have been holding services in the new building, city hall has added more requirements to meet their building code for our church. We were required to have an electrical engineer draw up a new project and an electrician to totally renovate our electrical wiring. This on top of having to put volume limiters on our electric piano and monitor screen (which we only use for Power point!), getting a permit from the community for our air extraction system, as well as many other details has drained our bank account. All of these added requirements are very expensive which we have been able to pay for as of this date thanks to some generous love offerings from churches and individuals we have visited on furlough. Nevertheless, we have an urgent need of another \$3,250 in order to pay the architect and the electrical engineer. We are also raising \$2,500 in order to buy new auditorium chairs (currently using wooden folding chairs). As of this date, folks in our churches we have visited have given \$1,450. Any offerings that can be given to help with these needs will be greatly appreciated.

FURLOUGH NEWS

We returned to the states in late August, and after having a little skirmish with a storm called Harvey down in Texas, we began the visits of our supporting churches. As of this date, we have visited 22 churches, and have 8 more to visit in 2018 including four mission conferences before we return home to Spain on March 6th. In January, Alejandro Mendez, a young single man of our church in Palencia, will fly in from Spain to accompany us to the churches we visit during his month-long stay with us.

We wish all our family and supporting churches a very blessed Christmas and New Year 2018! Thank you for your prayers and faithful financial support!

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