

Bill & Therese Williams

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FURLOUGH NEWS

Our furlough will draw to a close within the next few weeks. We have tickets to fly back to Spain on the 6th of March. Over thirty churches have been visited and there are four more to visit before we leave. Since September, we have put 15,000 miles on our van; slept in who knows how many different beds; eaten at who knows how many restaurants, shaken who knows how many hands, handed out hundreds of prayer cards, etc. In other words, it's been a typical furlough. But what a blessing it has been! Every church has been a blessing to us. The brethren have treated us like royalty. Therese and I are truly humbled at the dedication and sacrifice of our supporting churches.

The third week of January, Alejandro Mendez, a young man in our church in Palencia, flew in to DFW airport to join us on our furlough visits to the churches. He was thrilled to be able to meet the brethren and talk to them in his broken English. He has been totally amazed at the friendliness and the dedication of God's children here in our churches. Alejandro has been a great asset to our ministry in Spain, as well as here on furlough.

BACK ON THE FIELD

The interim pastor in our church back in Palencia, Valentin Lucaci and his wife Laura, continue to do an outstanding job in spite of some setbacks among some members as well as problems with city hall. After nine months when the application was submitted, and five months when most of the renovations were completed, we finally received our work permit from city hall! But, of course, they added more requirements which cost us quite a bit extra. To add to this inconvenience, in order to have more power in our electrical system, we had to hire an engineer to draw up a new project as well as hire an electrician to make some minor, but costly changes. Then we had to hire an external inspector to make sure the work of the engineer and electrician was correct. After *that inspection*, we had to present everything to the regional industry department. After *they* approved the work, we finally were able to present all the paper work to the electrical company; but as of the writing of this letter, it has been two weeks, and they still have not increased the power. So our folks continue to worship in their overcoats since it is impossible to turn up the electrical heaters! Please pray that all of the problems related to our new building will be resolved quickly and without much more expense.

Nevertheless, we have been blessed with extra offerings from the churches we have visited to not only cover these added expenses, but also to give us enough to buy new auditorium chairs upon our return in March. We cannot sufficiently express our gratitude to our supporting churches and other folks who have helped *The Faith Baptist Church of Palencia* with all the expenses in order to move into a new building; more than adequate for our growing ministry!

CHURCHES NOT VISITED ON FURLOUGH

Next furlough in 2020/21, we will do our best to visit churches we did not get to on this furlough. Until then, we offer our furlough video on our website whose address is listed above. Also please let us know if you desire our new prayer cards and we will be happy to send them to you.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support!

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