## Bill & Therese Williams

August - September 2023



MULTITUDE OF BLESSINGS

There is so much that has happened since our last prayer letter in August; so many blessings, that I am going to have to just jump right in but be very brief in my description of them.

AMP BLESSINGS

The last week of August was the culmination of six weeks of camps this past summer. It was by far the best summer of camp in the 47 years of Mount Calvary Baptist Camp. Five of the six weeks of camp had waiting lists. More than 530 campers attended with 35 professions of faith. Many records were broken including the number of weeks of camp as well as attendance. The new generator worked perfectly of which so many of our faithful churches helped in its purchase with special offerings. Also, some of you might remember that in our last correspondence we wrote about the breakdown on the highway of our 12 year-old Ford Focus as we returned from Junior High camp. The motor had to be rebuilt, and we are so thankful to all of you who sent special offerings which more than covered the cost of the repairs.

TEMINARY CLASS

Bill taught a seminary class the middle of September on Baptist Distinctives. There were over 30 students present as well as 15 others who were auditing the class in addition to many online students. Our Independent Baptist seminary also had a record increase in enrollment this past year including six students from our church here in Palencia.

**GREAT DAY OF THE LORD** 

The 24th of September, the Faith Baptist Church celebrated its 8th anniversary in a Godblessed, God-honoring way. The day began with three new converts baptized at the Pisuerga River, one of whom was saved in the Junior High camp as well as two adults who were led to the Lord this past year by the church's new pastor Valentin. After the baptismal service, we all returned to the church for churros and chocolate. Churros is a favorite fried pastry of Spain. Then we held our service with a record 76 present. Nine more brethren joined the church including a family of six (for a total of twelve new members in one day). Raul Sinti and his family are missionaries from Peru. They are from the church started by missionary Max Harmon in Lima. On this 8th anniversary Sunday, our church voted unanimously to become the "mother church" of the new work which Raul and his family are starting in the city of Santander in Northern Spain. After Raul preached the message on that glorious Lord's Day, most of our folks went to the nearby park to celebrate the church's anniversary with a picnic. The day ended with an anniversary cake and singing and testimonies.

HANKS BE TO THE LORD AND TO YOUR FAITHFULNESS

For all of these blessings, as well as many more we do not have room to write about in this correspondence, we must be thankful to the Lord as well as to His faithful brethren in our supporting churches and individuals. We end this letter with the words of the Apostle Paul to the church at Philippi:

For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity. Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account. But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.

Philippians 4:16-18

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