Bill & Therese Williams

January - February 2020

EW YEAR - NEW DECADE

It still seems incredible to me that our old sin-sick world is entering into the third decade of the 21st century, and the Lord still has not returned! How long, oh Lord, wilt Thou delay thy coming? Like the beloved disciple wrote: *Even so, come, Lord Jesus*. Meanwhile, until that soon coming of the Lord, we children of the King of kings and Lord of lords have work to do... in the obedience of the Great Commission.

The Christmas and New Year's holidays were a wonderful time in our church with the Christmas cantata and the children's Christmas program plus the New Year's Eve supper and watch service. The desire of our hearts and our prayers was that there might be a clear presentation of the Gospel. Another attendance record was set on the Sunday of the Christmas program with 63 present which included 11 first-time visitors. Then, the month of January was very

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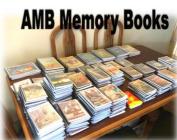
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initiated the 8th year of our ministry of AMB (see below). Then in *February* we began the month with a day of fasting and prayer (one of the goals for this year we agreed upon in our church meeting). Immediately we saw results as that week and the next, three souls made professions of faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior. Therese led Mary, a 60 year-old lady to Christ, and Bill led two teenagers in our church, Katia and Juan Diego, to the Lord. *Pray for these decisions of Christ as we work with them in discipleship and baptism. We also ask your prayers for five children in our church who are very close to making professions of faith in Christ: Valeria, Daniel, Caleb, Alessandra y Evelina.*

Nevertheless, not all is good news as we are also having to exercise church discipline for a lady, whom we baptized just last year and is living with a man outside of the bonds of wedlock. She refuses to repent and separate from him. *Pray for this lady to be restored by submitting to church discipline*.

Sociación Para La Memorización de La Biblia
Next month our church, as well as 13-15 other independent Baptist churches in Spain will begin the 8th year of memorizing the Word of God. The AMB - the Spanish version of the old Bible Memory Association - is a ministry started by Bill & Therese eight years ago. Since then, more than a thousand different people in our churches here in Spain have memorized tens of thousands of verses from the Word of God. So far this year, eight churches with 191 adults, teenagers, and children have signed up to begin memorization the first few weeks of March.



PCOMING FURLOUGH

This time next year, Therese and I will be visiting our churches to share with them, Lord willing, the great news of another completed mission of another local New Testament Baptist church fully established and turned over to a national pastor here in Spain. Bill will be calling pastors in the upcoming weeks in order to schedule a visit to our faithful supporting churches.

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