

Bill & Therese Williams

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THE MINISTRY CONTINUES

We wrote in our February prayer letter about the transition of the pastorate of the Faith Baptist Church to the national pastor. Four months have passed and Pastor Valentin and the church have settled in very well to the change of the pastorate. This is primarily due to our preparation of the church in the last five years. Many folks in our churches are not aware of this very important phase of the obedience of the Great Commission "*Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you...*" Establishing a biblical Baptist church is more than just winning souls and baptizing them. One of the most difficult and time-consuming tasks is to be used by the Holy Spirit of God to mold the new believers into a mature bible-believing, bible teaching, evangelistic, organized body of Christ. We have seen too many churches flounder and fail after the missionary had left, that were established here on the field by obeying the first two parts of the Great Commission; but then not paying particular attention to "*teaching them all things.*" Therese and I have tried to follow the Lord's leading by establishing churches that will last until the coming of the Lord. We believe the Faith Baptist Church of Palencia will continue to prosper even when we have to finally say "adios" one day soon, probably in 2024. But until then, we feel it is the Lord's will to continue to diligently seek His will working in the ministry here.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE

One evidential proof of the continued success of the ministry of Faith Baptist is that souls continue to be saved and baptized. This past month, since it was too cold to go down to the river, our church celebrated a baptismal service in a sister church 40 minutes away from our church in Palencia. Pastor Valentin officiated the baptism of three young ladies, two of which Therese and I led to the Lord last November, a mother Patricia, and her teenage daughter, Nicole.

NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS

Besides these three baptismal candidates becoming members through their baptism, a new family from Venezuela has joined our church. New visitors are also continuing to attend and become faithful. Our attendance has grown from the 50's to the 60's and even surging past 70 which we saw in our service this past Resurrection Day. Soon, Lord willing, we will have to expand our auditorium.

MISSIONS' SUNDAY

Last Sunday, we celebrated our annual Faith Promise Missions' conference. Not all of the promises are in yet, but we hope to go above our promises last year. It was announced that a "special" missionary would preach, which turned out to be yours truly. The title of the message was, "*Missions Touches All of Us,*" emphasizing that from Christ's mission on the cross until today, we are all "touched" by the obedience of the Great Commission and how it should be the heartbeat of the church.



ONCE AGAIN...

Thank you all for your faithfulness to our ministry these last 35 years here in the country of Spain. Within the next two years, we feel the Lord is leading us to move our ministry from Spain, but we are not fully certain of His direction yet. We ask for your prayers that we will follow His perfect will.

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