

Bill & Therese Williams

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NEW YEAR - THE GOOD NEWS

To say the least, this new year has started off in an incredible way! Of course, upon receiving this correspondence, the whole world is turned upside down by the spread of COVID-19. But, I'll get to that a little further down in this letter. First of all, let me tell you the Good News (literally) about the first three months of this year, some of which we wrote about in our previous prayer letter of January/February. At the end of January, Therese led a 60 year-old lady to the Lord named Mary. She is the sister of one of our faithful church members. Then in the first few weeks of February, Bill led two teenagers to the Lord, Katia and Juan Diego. The last of February, Therese witnessed to two gypsy ladies, Mary and Laura, who had been attending faithfully our Wednesday night Bible studies. Both also made professions of faith in Christ.

Finally, a man named Antón had been attending our services since the end of January. He is in his early 60's but had to retire early with disabilities due to poor health. He has been a psychiatrist with *Doctors Without Borders* for decades and has traveled and worked all over the world. Over the last ten years he had attended many Evangelical churches, had heard the Gospel many times, and had studied the Bible quite extensively. However, during all these years, no one had ever asked Antón if he had repented of his sins and trusted in Jesus Christ as his only Saviour; that is, until the fourth of March when I, Bill, asked him if he died did he know for sure he would go to Heaven. After a short pause, he replied. "No, I don't think I would." So, after spending an hour going over with him the plan of salvation using the Word of God, Anton told me that he had read all those verses and had understood the concept of the Gospel, but thought that just having the knowledge of salvation was sufficient. No one had ever showed him that he had to call upon the name of the Lord and receive Christ as his Saviour. Through his tears, Antón prayed the prayer of repentance and trust in the Lord. Later he told me that he felt a great weight lifted off his shoulders. Antón is on the waiting list for a heart transplant. But now, he has received a new heart... *a heart of flesh!* (Ezekiel 36:26)

CORONAVIRUS IN PALENCIA

Of course, what is foremost in all our lives right now is this world-wide calamity. A little over two months ago, no one had even heard about this virus. Now it is on the news 24/7. Thousands have died from the disease, and Spain presently has the unfortunate distinction to be the second country in the world with the number of deaths; (7,340 as of the date of this correspondence March 30th). Here in the city of Palencia, we are somewhat more protected from the epicenter which is Madrid, although we have had many cases and 13 deaths so far. In our church here, no one has been infected as of this date, and Therese and I are doing very well; taking all the necessary precautions.

But what we have truly been infected with here in the Faith Baptist Church of Palencia, is a greater sense of dependence on our God for our well-being, not only physically, but psychologically and most importantly, spiritually. We have not stopped holding *any* of our services or our classes, but have moved everything to a combination of Facebook, YouTube and Zoom platforms. Also, every Sunday evening at 7PM we have two hours of fellowship on Zoom where 12-15 households are connected.

Just yesterday, Therese and I recorded a five minute informative video that can be downloaded or streamed directly from YouTube. The link address is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ae-DbXQUsuQ&t=15s> We pray this video will encourage you to be faithful during these difficult times.

We greatly appreciate your continued prayers and financial support!

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