

Bill & Therese Williams

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THE FOURTH WAVE?

I wrote in our last prayer letter in February that Spain was entering in the midst of the third wave of COVID. As it turns out, this wave was the worst of the previous waves, at least in our city and province. There were more people infected and more deaths than the two previous waves combined. Now they say that we are entering into a fourth wave, although it does not seem to be as volatile as the previous wave. The vaccine is entering in very slowly, and in fact is practically on pause as it is the AstraZeneca vaccine which is not nearly as effective and is causing some complications. Therefore, the country is still in a state of emergency which means that we continue to be very restricted especially in regards to social activity which includes our church services. Our maximum capacity is still at 30%, wearing of masks is mandatory at all times even while preaching (unless the auditorium is practically empty), social distancing, disinfecting hands, taking the body temperature upon arrival at the church, etc.

We are grateful we can still hold services, but we have to be very careful. Besides the fact of the possibility of an outbreak of COVID in our church, we have to be careful in regards to our legal responsibilities. A month ago, a neighbor called the national police because he could see into our foyer from the sidewalk in front of the church and obviously felt that we were congregating too close. It occurred while the people were leaving the building. A policeman stuck his head into the foyer door, saw only me and my wife and our associate pastor's family, and asked if there was some kind of problem to which Therese answered, "There's no problem here." The police said ok and then left. However, if they had arrived 10 minutes earlier, they might have given us a fine of around \$7,000!

Throughout this whole year, the Lord has seen fit to protect us from this disease. Although we have had a few church members infected with COVID, no one has even been hospitalized. Jobs have been lost, as the unemployment rate is nearing 20%; but our folks have been able to find new jobs even though they do not pay as much and are not nearly as stable as their previous jobs. But the greatest provision of the Lord has been the evidence of his grace through the faithfulness of his people in their tithes and offerings as well as their prayer life. They take seriously Matthew 6:33 - *Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.*

SEMINARY CLASSES

Throughout the year, I have taught two Bible Institute classes mostly through Zoom. Presently, I am teaching *The Life of Paul* to 32 students from Costa Rica, Venezuela, Spain, and Italy. I am also teaching the book of Revelation in English to three American professional basketball players who play for our local team. Some of the people from our church join in on the class to better their English as well as their understanding of the end times.

Upcoming Fulough

Therese and I have purchased airline tickets for the middle of September to begin a six-month furlough in the states. I have already scheduled 16 of our supporting churches to visit. We hope and pray we will be able visit as many as possible to rejoice with you all of God's great blessings on our ministry here in Spain. **Thank you for your faithfulness to our ministry!**



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