

# Bill & Therese Williams

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## GOING HOME

At the time of this correspondence, Therese and I are sitting at DFW airport waiting another hour of delay before boarding American Airlines Flight 036 nonstop to Madrid. It is a crowded flight. We are so looking forward (tongue-in-cheek) to this nine-hour flight, and then three hours driving through the mountains (the highways were closed yesterday due to snowfall!) to get to Palencia. But within 18 hours we should be back home.

Therese and I are exhausted after a seven-month furlough, traveling 21,000+ miles, visiting 35 churches, with ten mission conferences. We have realized on this furlough that we are no longer 40 or 50 years-old. We cannot punish our 66 year-old bodies like we could ten years ago! Nevertheless, lest you think we are ungrateful, to the contrary, we are so grateful to the Lord for protecting us on the highway and providing for our every need and giving us good health to not miss even one scheduled service or activity. We are also so very grateful to all of our supporting churches we have visited. We have been treated like visiting royalty and have made so many new friends as well as renewing old acquaintances. We pray that we were a blessing to the churches we have visited, as our goal from the beginning was to encourage our faithful supporting churches in the midst of these difficult times "to stick by the stuff;" to remain faithful to the calling of the Great Commission no matter the circumstances. In part, with sadness we leave behind our loved ones in our physical family as well as our spiritual family.

One more thing, we are so grateful as well to the judge in Florida who arranged for us that we would not have to wear masks in the airport nor on the flight! Ha! Ha!

## MEANWHILE BACK ON THE HOME FRONT

The Faith Baptist Church continues to be faithful in the absence of its pastor. The interim pastor, Valentin Lucaci, is doing a great job even as he works a full-time job. Attendance is up, two new families have started coming to the church, and pre-Covid activities have resumed as normal as possible.

Today, the government of Spain, (again to celebrate our return - Ha! Ha!), has lifted the wearing of masks in most indoor places. This means that for the first time in almost two years, we are not required to wear masks in our services. Amen! Hallelujah! Might I say, it's about time?


So Therese and I are looking forward to returning to our family in Spain and resuming the ministry. As we have informed almost all our supporting churches we have visited this furlough, we will be winding down our participation in the ministry of the Faith Baptist church as, Lord willing, within the year, I will resign as pastor and the church will vote for Valentin to become the next pastor. We will have worked ourselves out of a job, which is ultimately the goal of our job.

We ask for your continued prayers for our ministry, our health, as well as for where and how the Lord would have us continue our ministry. Thank you for your faithfulness throughout these last 35 years as missionaries to Spain!

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