

Bill & Therese Williams

May - July 2021



BUSY, BUSY, BUSY

I apologize for the lateness of this prayer letter. We have been very busy with every ministry we are involved in... our church ministry here in Palencia, the Seminary, the Bible Memorization ministry; and this month of July, Therese and I have spent two weeks at camp. I have also traveled back and forth at least once a week since May doing maintenance in order to get the camp ready for the six weeks of camp this summer. So let me fill you in on what has been going on these last few months.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH

I guess I should start with the relaxing of restrictions in the month of May. Even though we have to continue to wear masks and practice social distancing, there are no limits on capacity even though the Delta variant is hitting us hard right now. We have had first-time visitors every month including six this past Sunday. Three young pre-teens have made professions of faith in the last few months, two of them in camp. Our folks are being faithful in the tithes and offerings as well as attendance. The associate pastor, Valentin, and his wife, Laura, are becoming more and more prepared for the interim pastorate starting on our furlough in September with the view of taking the full pastorate, Lord willing, this time next year. Even their two children, Ricki and Dany, are now accomplished pianists in the church, thanks to piano classes taught by Therese over the last two years, in the midst of COVID. The Lord has richly blessed our church even though Satan has fought hard to defeat us.

BAPTIST BIBLE SEMINARY OF SPAIN

Two weeks ago, I finished teaching the seminary course, *Life and Ministry of Paul*. There were 12 full-time students who finished the course as well as another 15 or so "hearer students," who did not seek credit. As I wrote in our last prayer letter, these students were from all over Spain as well as three foreign countries.

BIBLE MEMORY ASSOCIATION OF SPAIN

This past month eight churches here in Spain have finished the memory course of the eighth year of the BMA of Spain. In spite of all the difficulties brought on by COVID, this ministry has continued to encourage hundreds of children, teens, and adults to memorize thousands of verses of the Word of God.

MOUNT CALVARY BAPTIST CAMP

Last Saturday, we finished our second week of six weeks of camp. The grade school camp was the first week of July. Last month, the girl's bathroom, 30 year-old concrete block septic tank caved in, so we had to dig that out and install a new plastic tank. Even though we did the work ourselves (the contractor guys from the Palencia church), parts still cost around \$2,400. Then the Saturday before camp, our 120 meter deep well water pump stopped working, so we were without any water supply. We had to call for two cistern trucks to bring us a total of 7,000 gallons of water which cost us around \$1,300 or around 20 cents a gallon! A new water pump with accompanying 115 meter water lines cost almost \$5,000. Also, the girl's bathroom hot water boiler had to be replaced... another \$1,500. Finally, last week, our main subterranean water line broke, so we had to dig that up, but it allowed mud and small rocks to enter into all the lines of camp. We were three days trying to clean that mess up! One thing after another! Satan was working overtime to keep us from having camp, and I don't have space to talk about the two COVID cases in our camp last week, other than the fact that Therese and I were both exposed to one of the individuals. We have taken the rapid test three times now and have come back negative, praise the Lord! However, In spite of all these difficulties, the Lord has tremendously blessed as 5 children and 13 pre-teens made professions of faith in the first two weeks of camp. Praise the Lord! *Nevertheless, if anyone can help us out with these added expenses, our camp would surely appreciate it.* So far our churches have been able to meet half of these expenses, but some of them are coming due next month. We are not sure how the Lord will provide, but we know He will through the faithfulness of His people on both sides of the Atlantic.

UPCOMING FURLOUGH

As I mentioned in our last prayer letter, Therese and I will begin a six-month furlough in the states. I have already scheduled many 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!**

Serving Christ together,

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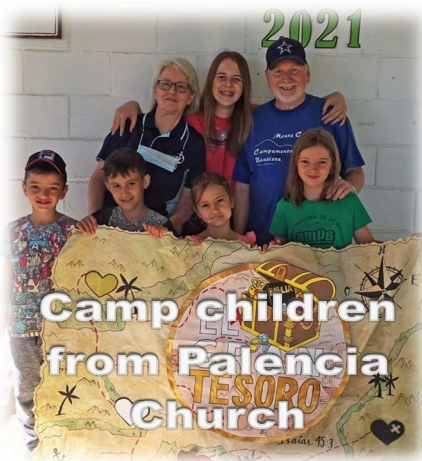
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Camp children
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Church



13 saved in
Jr High camp



Camp jr. high
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40 memorizers in Palencia Church