

Bill & Therese Williams

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Feliz Navidad!

to all of our faithful supporting churches, friends, and family!

THROUGHOUT THIS CHRISTMAS, KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS!

This is the title of my message to the Faith Baptist Church of Palencia this coming Sunday, December 18th. Every Christmas holiday our lives seems to become even more occupied with things that really do not matter: shopping in crowded stores for the perfect gift, seeking out the prettiest Christmas tree and lights, the Christmas services or programs to attend, getting time off from work to rest and be with family, etc. All of these activities have their merit, but I wonder if we are truly "Keeping Christ in Christmas" as the old saying goes. As we remember the Savior's birth, let us remember why He came as a babe in a manger and share the message of the Good News of salvation to all men and women around the world. Let us remember what Simeon said when he saw the baby Jesus...

"For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel" (Luke 2:30-32)

THE GLORIOUS TRANSITION TIME

There are very important moments in the missionary's life and ministry that will be remembered throughout the rest of his life here on earth and probably throughout eternity. That time when he leads the sinner to the Lord he has worked and prayed for many months or years; when he is able to go down to the river to baptize those whom he has led to Christ; when he sees the men and women that he (and let us not forget the hard work of his co-laborer, his faithful wife, who has been by his side through thick and thin) has trained to serve the Lord in the many ministries in the church; and when he is finally able to organize the church that the Lord has allowed him to establish are a few of those precious memories that the missionary has recorded in his mind and in his heart. But the moment that is certainly one of the most fulfilling is when the missionary has trained up a "Timothy" to follow in his footsteps as the pastor of the church and then knows through the Holy Spirit's leading that it is time to allow that young man to take his place as the new pastor. Therese and I have arrived at this point in our ministry here at the Faith Baptist Church of Palencia. Ten and a half years ago, we arrived in this city of 80,000 souls with no Baptist church in its more than 1000 year-old history, not knowing even one person. Now we are seeing the Lord's grace fulfilled through the fruits of our labors. While we will feel like the Lord would have us remain here awhile more to continue to encourage the church, January 15th is the date we have planned for the transition of the pastorate to our Associate Pastor Valentin Lucaci accompanied by his wife Laura and their two teenage children, Ricki and Danny. **Pray for the church in this delicate time of transition** as we know by experience that Satan knows its vulnerabilities and will attack. But *"greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world."*

CAMP GENERATOR

Last month we asked for help from our churches to fund a generator much needed for the Mount Calvary Baptist Camp. Praise the Lord that not only from our faithful supporting churches, but churches of other missionaries as well as our Spanish churches have given more than enough to buy the generator which is now bought and paid for and will be delivered sometime before the first of the year. Our camp says **"THANK YOU!"** to all of the sacrifices you have made this Christmas season even through difficult economic times. For those churches who have since given offerings or will be sending in an offering, I will be in touch with the pastors of the churches to ask permission to fund another project in our church here in Palencia. We are in great need of a 9 passenger van which we will be writing about in our next letter.

**Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!
Thank you for your faithful support of our family and ministry!**

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