
A Network of Local Churches

Each church in the Fellowship is in covenant relationship with the others but is substantially autonomous, led by a Local Leadership Team charged with the spiritual and practical responsibility for that church, and invested with the authority to direct and oversee that church, whilst remaining accountable to the senior leaders.

Albox

Tuck In Internet Café, Ctra Baza

Sunday: Family Service 11.00am,
with children's activities

Cell Groups: various days and times, please phone

Albox Local Leadership:

Tony & Eila Classon (950 064 402)

Almuñécar

Centro Familiar Cristiano, Avda Costa del Sol

Sunday: Morning Worship 11.00am

Wednesday: Life Groups

Almuñécar Local Leadership:

Church: Pat Mingorance (958 881 358)

Fresh expression: Patrick & Andrea Wight (958 883 442)

Nerja

Pasaje San Miguel

*English-speaking church and
Iglesia de habla hispana*

Sunday: English Family Service 10.30am

Domingo: Reunión de alabanza y predicación 19.00 hras

Wednesday: Prayer meeting at 11.00am

Miercoles: Reunión de oración 19.00 hras

Nerja Local Leadership:

Eddie & Sylvia Manly (952 529 511) Lesley Marsh (952 529

611) James & Nieves Moorhead (952 525 352)

Derek & Vera Newing (952 521 426) Jean Parker (952 523

895) Mike & Joan Tomlinson (952 529 511)

Liderazgo de la Iglesia Española:

Guillermo Blois Neto (958 304 169)

Daniel Johnson (680 853 032)

Salobreña

Calle Blas Enfante 39 local 2B

Sunday: Family Service 5.00pm

Tuesday: Fellowship Group

Salobreña Local Leadership:

Jes Allen (958 349 215) Peter & Uschi Hornlein (958 640

974) Julie Pinnegar (677 450 707) Liz Richardson

Christine Stuart (958 645 027)

Leslie & Chris Thomas (958 658 439)

Viñuela Area

Venta Baja Road, Puente Don Manuel, Alcaucín

Sunday: Family Service 11.00am

Wednesday: Fellowship Group

Viñuela Area Local Leadership:

John & Maureen Bamber, Carol Hicks

Colin Lavender (952 115 220)

John & Maureen Laycock (952 033 021)

Barry & Freda Young



FELLOWSHIP OF THE KING

Serving the King of Kings in southern Spain

May 2008

Welcome to the Fellowship of The King!

The Fellowship of The King is a charismatic/evangelical community church network seeking, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to be Christ-centred, and endeavouring to faithfully live out Biblical Christianity in the Spanish provinces of Málaga, Granada and Almería. We are a family of six churches, organised by language or location, with a vision for this number to grow.

First established in 1997 in Salobreña, we are a family bound together in love for Christ and for one another. Indeed our name highlights both the desire to be welcoming, to function in the context of genuine, committed friendship, and, to be a church which works together to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the King of Kings.

The Fellowship is affiliated with FEREDE (Federation of Evangelical Religious Entities, de España), linked with the Evangelical Alliance, whose basis of faith it subscribes to, and part of New Community Network, based at Community Church, Southampton, UK.

Our congregations are located in Albox, Almuñécar, Nerja (where there are both English- and Spanish-speaking meetings) Salobreña and the La Viñuela area. Please contact us as below for further details.

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Welcome to our new style newsletter

Many folk in the various churches have commented that they would like to know more of what is happening in each of the other churches, so we are attempting to make the newsletter a monthly round-up of what's going on. Taking them alphabetically we start with.....

ALBOX

Albox may not be high in terms of tourist web site hits, but it is home to about ten thousand Spanish and Hispanic peoples plus possibly seven to eight thousand Brits. In Spain many have learned not to expect forward planning, but, something is going on here that suggests this is an area zoned for huge expansion, new networks of roads are carving up the campo and numerous blocks of flats are being built – why and for whom? Until the recent economic down-turn, house building was its main business, but in earlier times it was famous as a centre for weaving and more recently marble quarrying. So, we are praying for the weaving of Christians into a tapestry that honours God in Albox, built on the solid rock of Christ. God knew why He brought a few Christians here in 2003, we were not sure because Albox was and still is a relatively small and scruffy place. But, surely God knew that one day it would become a large bustling city on an intersection of road systems so therefore an ideal place for a centre of worship to impact a wider community.



As a church we have a vision for a large worshipping congregation that would equip and release local evangelistically focused satellite groups rather like the spokes of a wheel. As with most prophetic words we may know what it will be, but we know neither the time scale nor the phases we shall need to pray through to realise this. At the moment we are a congregation averaging twenty folk attending weekly and more like thirty on our address list. Words of knowledge resulting in healings are quite frequent here, and we expect to become known as the healing church - but new births are rare at the moment. This area has suffered from splits and fragmentations of the body into tiny clusters; some have waved denominational flags others have taken offence, but there is beginning to be change. There is a new spirit of reconciliation and acceptance between the brethren, we have had two joint inter-church meetings recently that indicate a genuine desire to work together.

This week a prophetic word was given at one of these that encouraged us. The picture was of several oyster shells completely closed, but rather than breaking the shells to access the pearls they were immersed in very warm water that gently encouraged them to open up voluntarily. These pearls gathered not as a necklace, but strung together to form the outline of the cross of Christ like lights around the landing strip. Many of the local fellowships have experienced pain during its growth and like an oyster



Parallel Ministries

Raymond Williams is a street evangelist from Liverpool (although he became a Christian in Spain) who works among street people and the new-age community in the Alpujarras. He is often to be found in Salobreña or Almuñécar and works closely with Patrick & Andrea Wight, who are, in turn, working among dozens of young, totally unchurched families in the Almuñécar-Nerja area. They have a vision for and are working towards an “emerging” style of church: church for those who know nothing about the church or her Lord. They work in close harmony with Pat in the Almuñécar church and Leslie & Chris in the Salobreña church, seeking to build on the overlap between all three. A similar style of church, albeit with a rather different constituency, is being planned for Nerja, whereby Eddie & Sylvia Manly are attempting to follow through with some of the many contacts made through the community groups.

Tailends

We have frequently taught that every-member ministry in the Church, the Body of Christ, is the fully Biblical position, not just the latest whim of leaders or others looking to be trendy. That the indwelling Holy Spirit imparts to every believer at least one gift appears both from Paul's image of the body growing toward the full stature of Christ, its head, “when”, and I would add *clearly only when*, “each part is working properly” (Eph. 4:16), and from the apostle's emphatic declaration, “to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good” (1 Cor. 12:7, cf. 11). This is clearly the apostle Paul's and also our Lord Jesus' own standard.

The church is not to be like a bus, where passengers sit quietly and someone else does all the driving, but like an anthill, where everybody is at work. Not everyone who is involved in ministry will be “appointed” by the church to special position or office, nor will the service they render always be appreciated. But just as every bit of our fabulously complex human bodies has a job to do, so it is with each of us who call ourselves Christians.

How can we identify our own gift or gifts? By trying them out in areas of service that attract us, or which others, who know us well enough to discern our potential, urge upon us. The presence or absence of a gift will quickly become apparent!

Paul told the Corinthians to seek the best gifts. What are the best gifts? Not necessarily the spectacular “sign-gifts” such as healings or miracles, for it is clear that, as in New Testament times, not all Christians become channels of these manifestations (see 1 Cor. 12:29-30). Most are gifted in less eye-catching and more unobtrusive ways. In fact, the best gifts will always be those that express most love and do most good to most people. But it remains an obligation that each one of us seeks, finds and employs the gift or gifts that the Lord has bestowed upon us for the furtherance of His Kingdom.

Leslie Thomas

*If the church wants better leaders,
it only needs to pray for the ones it has.*

LA VIÑUELA

Although La Viñuela is a town, and the church uses it as its identity, the church actually serves more than a dozen small towns and villages around the large reservoir which is in



common parlance called lake Viñuela. The area lies in the hills and is a 20 minute drive to the north of Vélez Málaga. It is an area that has been substantially adopted

by ex-pats over the last 10 years. The church at present meets in Puente Don Manuel – a few miles on from La Viñuela itself.

The church was planted out from Nerja in May 2005 with about a dozen adults. Initially they worshipped and met in homes, but in August 2005 found their present building. They have grown steadily through the three years and have around 30 people. Two years ago they started developing links with a local Spanish church in Vilo which grows stronger every month. At present they are looking for another building so that they can have more of a presence in the community. The hope is to find a town centre location and shop or bar premises maybe offering advice services to ex-pats, but looking to serve the community whilst providing a “shop window” for the church.

Colin Lavender and John Laycock are the elders and the Leadership Team comprises John and Mo Bamber, Carol Hicks, Colin Lavender, John and Maureen Laycock and Barry and Freda Young. They also have a Discipleship Team who are those attending Bible Study as a mark of their commitment.

Sunday Service at La Viñuela starts at 11am and there is a monthly bilingual service in Vilo with leaders Salvador and Loli on a Sunday evening. There is also a weekly Bible Study.

As part of their outreach commitment they use the church for twice weekly Spanish lessons. There is also a monthly walk organised. Again, once monthly there is a Men’s Breakfast which is for growing together rather than a prayer breakfast. In the summer they also host BBQs which prove very popular.

Some of the ladies have recently become involved with “Lydia” - a group committed to prayer and intercession. The church’s future vision is for reaching out into the community by individual contact and relationship building to grow the Kingdom of God.



*A day hemmed with prayer seldom unravels;
prayer should be our first resource not our last resort.*

have developed a shell of protection, however, the Holy Spirit will move upon those groups that are willing to open to Him, to be linked into a continuous chain to birth the long awaited revival for the region. Prophecy is conditional and it is now our responsibility to pray to know the strategy and timing of God, meanwhile continuing to endure. We know in our head that it is God who builds, so please pray that in Albox we do not run ahead of Him

ALMUÑÉCAR

Meetings at 11.00am on Sundays vary in size and content. Since Judy, Gavin and family joined us, we’re privileged to have great, free worship as we no longer have to use backing tracks. We’re grateful to Patrick and Andrea who also minister either in worship or with the children, but because they have a specific calling to work with unchurched families, we can’t always have them with us. Our greatest need, therefore, is for another family to join us – a family with gifting in children’s and youth work. Our meeting place isn’t ideal but if God is present and the Holy Spirit is moving, that’s fine with us. Midweek meetings consist of a group for ‘new’ or ‘soon to be’ mums on Monday mornings, a fellowship group or ‘Life Group’ on Wednesday mornings, a discipleship group with Salobreña on Tuesday evenings and a prayer meeting Thursday evenings. All the groups are fairly small but mighty oaks from small acorns grow and we pray and hope for growth. We are hoping to restart the Parent and Toddler group when we find a suitable venue.

We are almost halfway through this year already. We are still waiting on God and seeking His Kingdom growing strategy for us as part of His worldwide Church. To this end, we have



some advance notices this month. During the month of June we will be welcoming back, under the leadership of Jurie Kriel, a small group from the New Covenant Church in

Wellington, South Africa. They were a great blessing to us on their last visit and we are praying that God will speak to us clearly during their time of ministry here.

Also in June, during the last week, we will be welcoming for the first time to Almuñécar, a fairly large group from two churches in England – Herts International Church and London International Church. They will be here for one week and have a heart to proclaim the Gospel to anyone who will listen. The timing of their visit coincides with the festival of San Juan so they will be spending some time on the beach getting to know those who are camping overnight, maybe even camping themselves. They also hope to have some musical type activities in the open air but we are still praying for God’s guidance on this. Please pray for both visits and that God will use these times to strengthen us, and all the congregations in FTK.

Pat Mingorance, who leads the church in Almuñécar will be in the UK this month where she will be ordained by her home church, Herts International. The leadership there passed apostolic cover for Almuñécar to FTK two years ago. There will be a service of induction for Pat in Salobreña on 1st June.

CRISTO REY

Our Spanish speaking congregation in Nerja was planted in 2003 after the Lord gave a burden to Peter Cackett, one of our worship leaders, to extend our witness to the Spanish speaking community. After one false start the church was served by a number of preachers from various churches until 2006, Peter Cackett and Nieves Moorhead being the elders of this new work. In 2006 we accepted an offer from Guillermo Blois, one of our regular visiting preachers and pastor of Iglesia Luz de las Naciones in Granada, that he and a team from his church would take responsibility for pastoral care and Sunday ministry until the church was strong enough to appoint its own leadership. The church is growing, has a vibrant children's work and has recently appointed Carlos and Loida as Youth Workers and Worship Leaders, although they are seen as future church leaders.

Pray for Leila, Guillermo's wife, who has recently been diagnosed as having two cysts in her mouth beneath her teeth which require urgent surgery. They are still to decide if this should take place in Brazil where they are covered by Health Care or in Spain where they are not.



NERJA

Our English speaking congregation in Nerja was planted out from Salobreña in February 2000 by a group of seven people who had previously been commuting to services in Salobreña/Motril. Almost immediately an eighth member joined and there was slow but steady growth over the following two years. Sadly, of the original eight, over half are no longer even in Spain, let alone Nerja, but two of the original group are still part of us.

The size of the congregation can be quite seasonal, oscillating between 30 and 60, with many more folk around between October and April most years; indeed the size of the core church has fluctuated over the years, with a noticeable reduction in numbers when the La Viñuela church was planted out from Nerja in 2005. There is a programme of activities designed to build a bridge into the community by serving them, including a parent & toddler group and a camera club. There are also occasional supper events with after-dinner speakers, music or a film. Its two Area Fellowship Groups meet each Tuesday evening in various homes and there is a prayer meeting on Wednesday mornings. Sunday Services are at 10.30am, although this may change to 11am from the end of June until the middle of September.



Please submit items for the news by 15th of the month to Liz Richardson: lizpole@yahoo.co.uk or 667 740 776 or Chris Thomas: chris.thomas@ftk-spain.net or 958 658 439

SALOBREÑA

Salobreña is the original church, which had its first public meetings in 1997, and has moved venue six times over the years, settling in its present location at the beginning of 2007. Sunday Services are normally early evening (5pm) but this changes each summer because of the heat and the horrendous traffic. Before the end of June the service time will switch to 10am. The weekly prayer meeting is on Tuesdays at 11.30am, followed by a Fellowship Group at 12 noon. There is a nice spread of ages in Salobreña, from babes in arms through toddlers, tweenies and teens all the way up to our oldest member, Ruth Ransford, who recently celebrated her 90th birthday. The Sunday meetings are family-oriented and a Sunday School is provided. Affected by seasonal comings and goings, the autumn-spring period has the highest levels of activity and attendance. People moving from the area has always been a drain on numbers; over the years more than 60 people have joined with us only to move elsewhere later. The church recently hosted FTK's third Ladies Conference, entitled 'Going Higher Still' and what a day we had. There is something really special about coming together and focussing all our attention on our amazing God, worshipping Him and waiting on Him without needing to hurry to be somewhere else. There was an expectancy that we were going to meet significantly with our heavenly Father right from the start of the day and we just wanted to be in His presence. As the praise and worship began we were lifted almost immediately to a higher level of intimacy with Him and it was great to be able to sing and dance before our Lord.

International speaker and teacher Anne Bellingan was our invited guest, bringing us a powerful 'now' message for those of us called to further God's Kingdom here in Spain. Although this was a day for the Ladies to receive from God, much of Anne's message was relevant for both men and women at this time, in this place. God further encouraged us by speaking directly into the lives of many of us there through Anne's prophetic ministry.

There is great benefit in coming together in this fashion and we are already starting to think about when the next conference day can be. We are also considering how to have a conference day/weekend for the whole of FTK, men and women together. God has a strategy to further His Kingdom in Spain and is preparing us for the coming harvest by helping us to be more united in His purpose and vision. Coming together to praise, worship, hear, respond and receive with Jesus at the centre is very effective at moving us further on together for His purposes.

Altogether, the day was encouraging, effective, and very enjoyable. There is no limit to how high we can go with God because the higher we will go with Him, the more He can use us. Let's start praying for the next such day and the next higher level God will take us to, individually and together.



Jes Allen, one of FTK's leaders, has to return to the UK for a liver biopsy following his successful operation for bowel cancer last year. Please pray for total healing for him.