

FELLOWSHIP OF THE KING

We are a charismatic/evangelical community church network seeking, with the Holy Spirit's help, 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 nine 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, especially to be a church which works together to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ, the King of Kings.

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Newsletter for February 2012

Albox: *Aguaviva, Albox Christian Centre, C/ Arrabal 20*

Sunday: Family Service 11.00 am with children's activities

Cell Groups: various days and times, please phone.

Contact: Rod Southwood (950 064 108)

Almuñécar: **Contact:** Pat Mingorance (958 881 358)

Thursday: Life Groups and Prayer meeting

Granada: **Sunday:** H₂O for Seekers 7.00 pm

Contact: Tim & Mary Slegg (958 303 863)

Mojácar: *Living Water Church, Calle de Zurbaran*

Sunday: Family Service 11.00 am

Contact: Dave & Pam Hamilton (950 618 814)

Nerja: *Pasaje San Miguel.*

Sunday: English Service - 10.30 am **Wednesday:** Prayer meeting 11.30 am

Contact: James & Nieves Moorhead (952 969 058)

Iglesia Española: C/ Doctor Ferrán. Edificio Vélez Málaga. Local 4-b.

Contact: Carlos & Loida Gómez (691 050 832)

Domingo: Alabanza y predicación 19.30 **Jueves:** Reunión de oración

Salobreña: *Avenida Mediterraneo 31*

Sunday: Family Service - 10.00 am **Tuesday:** Prayer meeting 9.30 am

Iglesia Española: Domingo: Alabanza y predicación 12.00

Contact: Jon & Emma Jarratt (635 358 808)

Viñuela Area: *Beneath Inmobiliaria Maroma,*

Cruce Puente don Manuel, Alcaucín

Sunday: Family Service 11.00 am **Wednesday:** Fellowship Group

Contact: Colin Lavender (952 115 220)

Albox

In a recent vivid dream I was invited to speak at an important conference at short notice, in fact a car was waiting for me. I had hoped there would be time to prepare later, but we took longer than expected so we arrived with the meeting in full swing. I am in a crowd of people I don't know, have no message and my Bible was left in the car. Help, "what am I to say Lord", Philippians 2.7 came to mind. Why is God saying this to me and perhaps others also? Well, although in the natural, we see little sign of success, are we to continue to serve in mercy and righteousness (Micah 6.8). We needed to be reassured as 14 people moved on last year (8 to UK) leaving us with about a dozen. We remember Zechariah 4.6 and 2 Corinthians 10.4 and yes, the church in Spain is tidal, but more go out than come in, so we are not putting in flood defence barriers yet.

At this time of uncertainty I decided to fast and pray. You can decide if what I received was from God. And whether it was just for me. I asked God some questions, that were answered by scripture.

Q: What changes will occur this year. A: Daniel 12.1/2 confirmed by Revelation 17.7/18, be ready for more tensions, possible war in the Middle East, plus new laws in Spain restricting Christians and extra taxes for expats?

Q: What should we do. A: 2 Chronicles 7.14 and Philippians 4.6/7 (more prayer).

Q: How should the body of Christ respond. A: Romans 15.1/6 confirmed in Psalm 41.1/3, get right with God and take care of one another.

Q: How should we respond in the world. A: Mark 1.3 and 2 Timothy 4.2/3.

Q: How do we achieve this. A: James 1.19/20 + 1.21 + 1.22/27, "Hear" the Word, "Receive" the Word and "Obey" the Word. Did I hear correctly?

Well, "They" took 360 euros from my bank account a few days later, when asked who and why, the Manager gave a Spanish shrug and although my solicitor thinks it was a traffic fine no one knows what, where, or when this occurred – the money has gone. OK, this could be a difficult year, but also a time of opportunity; our God is still in control.

Tony

You can't take it with you - but you can send it on ahead!

The church in which I was youth leader many years ago was able to engage in a really comprehensive youth work programme, almost entirely because of the generous forethought of a member I never knew. He had died before I was born, but what he had left to the church in his will enabled both myself and my predecessors to have a realistic annual budget for work among the young people. He had made a bequest of a lump sum with instructions that it be invested and the interest devoted entirely to young people's work.

In these days of economic crisis, all charities – and churches – are struggling to make ends meet, so maybe this is a good moment to ask you to consider making a bequest to the Fellowship in your will. I certainly hope that it will be a very long time before FTK benefits from your will, but it is a thoughtful way of sending a blessing on ahead. I read somewhere that this is an excellent way of exercising your will power! In truth it is, because it means that you can actively bless the Lord's work with the fruit of your lifetime's labour in a way that will continue to have an impact even when you have gone to be with Him.

To bequeath something to the Fellowship, you will need to create a special provision in your will, and it is advisable, especially for a Spanish will, to detail the bequest as being in favour of The Fellowship of The King, registered as Iglesia Cristiana y Evangélica Cristo Rey having the fiscal identity number R2900402E.

With every blessing, Leslie Thomas

La Viñuela

In answer to the prompting of the Holy Spirit, (which we would describe as a call to faithfulness) discerned through the sharing of messages we have received in the last few weeks, the family of Christ in Viñuela have decided to hold a church meeting in order to identify a response, (if you will a course of action for the coming year) for we are not to be complacent but to step out in trust and anticipation. This meeting will be held after the morning service on the 5th February we would welcome prayers in support.

One of the most encouraging things about our Charity Shop and the Coffee/Book shop on Friday mornings is the number of regular visitors/customers together with a good number of new visitors. It gives us the opportunity to get to know them and to be aware of their circumstances and where necessary to reach out in love with help and support.

It has even led to volunteers from outside the Fellowship asking if they could help in the shop, as a result of which it is intended to open on more days of the week, namely Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings.

“For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of men.” 2Cor 8.21

However, we are very short on Bric a Brac so any donations would be most welcome but have to decline large items as we have no storage space.

Blessings to all from Colin Lavender

Almuñécar

Happy New Year to everyone. Christmas 2011 is past and we are now already one month into 2012. The Christmas carols evening at the Faro was an enjoyable time with great music – thank you Peter – and some good mulled wine with mince pies, compliments of the Faro. We were also blessed to have Kath and Mike with us who shared a little of what happens in the Michael James school in Kenya. The evening’s offering of 150 euros was given to them for the ongoing work in Kenya. There were several good conversations with folks about the difference knowing Jesus makes to our lives and we pray for an early harvest from the seeds sown. A big ‘thank you’ to all who came to support us and participate.

We also visit the Faro bar/restaurant once a month for breakfast Church, which we had on January 15th. Again, it was a good time of fellowship and witness to the hope we have in Jesus Christ every day. One of the staff shared with me that our presence there brings them blessing in different ways and she thanked God for His favour! How great it would be to see them all saved and praising God with us.

“All You have made will praise You, O Lord; Your saints will extol You. They will tell of the glory of Your Kingdom and speak of Your might, so that all men may know of Your mighty acts and the glorious splendour of Your Kingdom” Psalm 145 v 10 – 12.

Blessings to all from Patricia Mingorance

Granada

After seeing one of the DVD's of Mi Esperanza, the TV evangelism programme which was broadcast just before Christmas, Santi, a friend of ours for over seven years, clearly gave his life to Christ.

Santi, has spent most of his life in and out of prison and was a addict to heroin and then methadone (prescription heroin substitute) for 25 years. Six years ago, while living with us, the Lord touched him during a meeting but he then returned to the streets and back to prison. We visited him from time to time and had contact with his mother, who we believe gave her life to the Lord on her deathbed in hospital. On release from prison, Santi returned to living on the streets, we had occasional contact and at one point said to him we didn't really want to see him again until he had a change of attitude. A year ago, he began to see his real need, we talked again about Jesus, he tried unsuccessfully a Christian rehabilitation home, but during the year has talked to Jesus himself and completely come off a high dose of methadone. He came for lunch, and after hearing testimonies of Spanish Christians on the DVD said he felt he had something missing in his life. We talked and prayed, and the One who is able to completely save the most wretched person met with him, releasing joy as he felt welcomed into the family of God. Praise God!!! As he lives the other side of Granada now (he has a flat!!!) we have introduced him to two churches near where he lives, but expect to see him from time to time. Rejoice with us and please pray with Santi as he takes his first steps born again in Christ.

So after 9 years in Spain, we can see a clear work of God's saving grace in the lives of six people, who continue to go on in the Lord but none of whom now live near us! Two Russian ladies, Elena & Tamara (now living in Tenerife), Jonathan (an Englishman from a Jewish background, now living on the coast in Malaga), Ana Maria (a Spanish lady living in Murcia, who is suffering from cancer for at least the third time – please pray for her), David (our Spanish son-in-law, living in England) and now Santi. In all we have seen the Lord of the harvest working, often for years, digging over the ground of their lives, often through much hardship, to prepare them to know Him. Such is the grace of God.

Tim and Mary

Gavin and Judy continued.....

One of the greatest blessings for us over this busy time was being able to refresh pastors and leaders as well as reach the lost with the love of God and the life-giving truth of His precious Word. As a family, we have now begun a time of prayer and fasting and would like to invite anyone who would like to soak in the Lord's presence and seek His face, to join us every Thursday at 7pm for praise and prayer. If you cannot be with us physically, please pray for us as we seek His leading for this coming time.

Please also keep us in your prayers as we are being asked to be much more involved in Spanish congregations on a regular basis. We are also being asked to go much further afield with outreach events. Praise God for His favour and the doors He is opening!

We could not have travelled as far as we have travelled and done all that we have done to share the Gospel with so many people, without the prayers that covered and protected us. Thank you so much for your prayers. We value them beyond measure.

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Blessings from Gavin, Judy and family

Gavin and Judy

Thank you very much to all who were praying for us over the busy Christmas period. Praise God, the Lord sustained us through a heavy schedule of outreaches, special services and concerts, inside and out. Many people heard the Gospel preached and the true meaning of Christmas, Immanuel - God with us and Jesus - the Lord saves. With no birth of Jesus, there would be no cross, no resurrection and no salvation, but praise God, there was a birth and we have a Saviour and His name is Jesus, Hallelujah! He is alive and well and seated at the right hand of God and He will return for us soon! Hallelujah!

The Lord gave us tremendous favour and we were able to share the Good News in Spanish, English and bi-lingual congregations. We were also able to reach out to those who never come into a church building, both young and old alike, praise God! We thank the Lord that we were able to assist pastors of various congregations throughout Andalucia. We also worked together with local fellowships to reach out in their communities and some were touched enough to follow up the message with the pastors, praise God! We pray they will reap a mighty harvest.



As is often the case here in Spain, plans change at the last minute or we are asked to do something on the day. Praise God, we have learned to live ready and be prepared. This has helped as many of the opportunities come last minute and without time to prepare. We were delighted to spend Christmas Day with Carlos and Loida in Nerja in their new building. We were invited to take the whole service and the Lord blessed us all. We were meant to be in Malaga, but the Lord had other plans. When Carlos and Loida introduced us to the congregation, they said the Lord had sent us. After a wonderful celebration, Carlos told us that their son had been in and out of hospital all week and they hadn't planned or prepared anything for Christmas Day. Praise God, He knows what we need and He orders our steps.

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Mojácar

Dave and Pam have been away in the UK so there will be no info. this month.

Nerja

This month we ask you to pray particularly for Mike and Kath Blears as they go out to Kenya, not only to the school but also to visit some of the families of the children that go to the school. This will entail some journeys of walking through the bush as some of the villages are not near a road or are inaccessible to vehicles.

Please pray for their health, their safety and that God will give them the right words to speak to the families.

Continue to pray for the teachers and the children that they will come to know Jesus for themselves and grow in love and knowledge of Him. Pray for their safety as they walk to and from school. Pray that God will abundantly bless this venture.



Last month the Lord welcomed home Shirley Basham. Shirley was a regular visitor to FTK and a leader in the Lydia Group. Shirley was a great prayer warrior and a lovely lady, she will be greatly missed.

One great tribute paid to her was:
"It was a privilege to know her"

Our sympathy goes to her daughters.

Salobreña

There was a full house on 18th December for a celebration of Jesus with carols and candlelight. It was good to have most of us involved in worship, and to welcome quite a few guests. The children and their teachers did a great job in helping us reach the real meaning of Christmas time. Prayer and thought went in to explaining the power and mystery of Immanuel, and there was a sense that people were taking notice not only with ears and intellect, but also with their hearts.

Our Christmas Day service was again a celebration, - moments to encounter again the jaw-dropping, shake-your-head-in-wonder power of God's love in confining himself to the 'muck and bullets' of this world. He did it to find us...he did it to find those around us.

As a BBC World affairs correspondent put it when asked to forecast events in 2012: "I predict the **unpredictable**. That's the lesson of 2011". And it was together at Salobreña on New Year's Day, that we thought about God's command 'do not fear'. The lost perspective of the spies Moses sent to Canaan led to the nation's fear and their distance from God. Later, Joshua has experienced God's faithfulness, and is told not only 'do not fear', but also 'be strong and very courageous'. Why? Because 'the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go'. A family of Catholic Christians who were visiting, and who are seeking God's guidance for big changes in their lives, were touched through these messages and by Jesus' love among us.

Over past few months at Salobreña we have 'walked up the hill', to sit and listen again to Jesus' revolutionary manifesto for life in the Kingdom of God. The truths laid out by the maestro can only lead us who follow into a whole new approach to life. We are sensing a deeper relationship with the Lord during these times together, and in our individual lives.

Salobreña cont.

It is probable that the rooms we meet in will change owners soon. We are listening for the Lord's lead as we decide whether we'd rent with a new owner, or if it's time to be meeting somewhere else.

So, as this year kicks into gear please pray with us that we would have increasing wisdom - knowing exactly how to bless those around us as we live, and move, and have our being in Jesus throughout the communities of Costa Granada.

Just to make sure we're not taking ourselves too seriously, here's a final thought:

"Some people see the church as a giant helicopter. They're afraid of getting too close in case they get sucked into the rotas!" (Milton Jones)

Love and blessings Jon and Emma

HAPPY FIRST BIRTHDAY ANNA

May the Lord bless you and cause His face to shine upon you.

