

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 June 2011

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

Sunday: Family Service 11.00am with children's activities

Cell Groups: various days and times, please phone.

Contact: Dave & Pam Hamilton (950 618 814)

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 - Virgen del Mar Hotel*

Sunday: Family Service 11.00am

Contact: Dave & Pam Hamilton (950 618 814)

Nerja: *Pasaje San Miguel.*

Sunday: English Service - 10.30am **Wednesday:** Prayer meeting at 11.00am

Contact: James & Nieves Moorhead (952 525 352)

Iglesia Española: Carlos & Loida Gómez (691 050 832)

Domingo: Alabanza y predicación 19.00 **Miércoles:** Reunión de oración 19.00

Salobreña: *Avenida Mediterraneo 31*

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

Contact: Jon & Emma Jarratt (634 330 882)

Iglesia Española: Carlos & Loida Gómez (691 050 832)

Domingo: Alabanza y predicación 12.00 **Viernes:** Jovenes 19.00

Viñuela Area: *Beneath Inmobiliaria Maroma,*

Cruce Puente don Manuel, Alcaucín

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

Contact: Colin Lavender (952 115 220)

Albox

The Bible states that with the rising of evil in the last days there will also be a corresponding empowerment of the Holy Spirit. Each year I visit my three children and grandchildren and also my brother, so as usual this year I visited four different locations. I have been greatly blessed and encouraged by what God is doing, churches that have been spiritually dead for thirty years are alive, congregations are growing, vibrant ministries are flourishing and church leaders are coming together to fast and pray. In one area I know well, south Dorset, over thirty churches of various denominations are gathering for prayer, seeking God for an outpouring of His Spirit. Another church which had 350 members last year has now grown to 470, there are regular half nights and whole nights of prayer, there are many forms of outreach in particular “healing on the street” which during my visit resulted in several healings and one Muslim man coming to faith. I have sat under powerful anointing in a prolonged time of worship and just wept as God moved among us, also I have had several amazing divine appointments as I travelled by plane and trains, so He is on the move in UK. The message I have come back with is to lay down our programmes and the best we can do humanly and just invite God to come down in His special way to do what we will never be able to do, this is not a new message but it is one we must learn again. I heard several ministers during my 11 days in UK identify our urgent need for God in a new and powerful way, to take our hands off, let Him have His way. Yes we know this already in our heads, but what I glimpsed in a limited way was a new commitment by leaders regardless of denominational perspectives, to allow God the Holy Spirit to come into their congregations any way He wishes. I was encouraged at the way churches are working together, I saw some of the fruit in my own family, yes there are dissenting voices and not everyone is willing to co-operate, so it is not a complete revival but it was so exciting to experience. My calling is to Albox, that has not changed, but I am asking God to help me to listen to His voice more sensitively, to lay aside my ideas and by His grace to learn how to more obediently walk in His Holy Spirit. We do not yet see this move of God here in Spain, but I am sure that the way forward is in greater submission to Him, seeking only His perfect will – whatever this may mean, I am not sure how well I shall be able to accomplish this but I am asking by His grace for more of His anointing in everything we attempt for Him. **Tony**

Salobreña

In **July** (the weekend 15th/17th) Ant Lee and his wife Sarah will be visiting Salobreña with one of the young people from their church, Enyo. Ant Lee came over to visit the Fellowship a few years back when he was studying with Mattersey Bible College. They will also be working with Jon and Emma in their village and with Tim and Mary up in Granada. They will also be ministering in the Spanish church in Salobreña with Jon translating for them.

More details to follow next month.

APOLOGIES

To Peter and Uschi, Grandparents and to Katy, Stefan. David and Ole. Ole is a BOY not a girl as reported.

A very big apology from me!! Particularly to Mum and Dad.



POINT TO PONDER

(Excerpt taken from Contact paper)

The Christian does not look to religion as an insurance against pain and tragedy. He realises that he is as prone to trouble as any man. But he knows that whatever happens, God is with him even in the bitterest and most frustrating experience. In a torn and tragic world, this great assurance is open to everyone who will accept it.

Since we have come here, we have wanted to bring Truth to this festival, but it has not been possible until this year. We took our empty, old,



wooden cross and shared the True message of the cross with people from all over Spain and other nations. When we began the sound check there were few people, but as they heard the music they came and filled the place. At first some Spanish people left and we were concerned, but they went to get the rest of their family and

friends. More and more people came until there was only room at the sides which also filled up. Many were moved to tears as the Holy Spirit touched their hearts with the Light the Gospel brings. Some spoke with us at the end and one lady said she 'got the connection', hallelujah! Many Spanish people have a love of God, they just don't know the risen Lord, who Jesus really is, what He did for us at the cross and that He is risen, He is alive! They don't know the whole Truth. Praise God, He has helped us to show them the connection. More Lord! There were very few of the international community represented and they enjoyed most of it until they realized the story we were telling was about Jesus and their opinions split. We saw the division that came at some of the tables as the Sword of the Spirit began to work. Hallelujah! Hot or cold, no lukewarm, Lord! An English couple, who were there from the sound check all the way through to the get out, came up and thanked us and blessed us, even though it was almost entirely in Spanish, they got the message. Finally, a Spanish lady introduced us to the rest of her family who had all been moved to tears and said how brave we were to do this and how we should be doing this in the churches as well. She suggested we should preach.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Blessings, Gavin and Judy

Almuñécar

How fast this year is passing. World, as well as local, events keep reminding us of the urgency to spread the Gospel in these end times. Here in Almuñécar, we continue to keep waiting on God for opportunities to witness for Christ in local events while we share Jesus with anyone who will listen. Praise God, He is building His Church in Spain.

We often have people staying here for weeks or months who are part of our extended community and it's good to have them participate in the monthly breakfast church. It is also good to be able to visit other congregations, Spanish and English speaking. I am praying for God to show us how we can work together more effectively for His Kingdom and be the united Body of Christ that will impact the town with God's power and love. Nothing seems to have gone according to my plans, but I'm thankful that God is revealing His plans for Almuñécar as we serve Him with all our heart and soul.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow that we will see many people healed and set free through the might and power of His Holy Spirit flowing in love through the Gospel of Christ!

Blessings, to you all, Pat Mingorance

Nerja

Due to a change in the attitude of the new landlord (by wanting an immediate increase in the rent) the Spanish congregation are now staying with us.

Leslie has finished his excellent mid week sessions on the Bible - how we know we can trust the Bible, how we got it and how to read it so that we hear the Lord speaking to us. It is hoped that in the not too distant future this teaching will be available to the whole of FTK on DVDs. The two groups return to their respective days and times. One group with Vera and Derek and one with James and Nieves.

David & Josie Silver

We have received news from David and Josie Silver with details of how we can support their ministry. You will remember David visited us in March to explain the relationship between Israel and the church..



Shalom to all of our friends in Spain

I have some good news for those of you who wish to bless the work of Out of Zion ministries financially. To make it easier for you to do that, we have opened a bank account with la Caixa Bank. The home branch is Nerja.

Here are the details for counter deposits at any la Caixa branch and for electronic transfers

**Bank: la Caixa - 6867 Nerja
Acct: David Silver Acct #: 2100 6867 1007 0000 5704
IBAN: ES03 2100 6867 1007 0000 5704
SWIFT: CAIXESBBXXX**

Please try to put you name or initials on the deposit so that we can identify it for our records

The Lord bless you & keep you

David & Josie

Gavin, Judy and family

Sadly, we were unable to take the Gospel to the people of Alcaucin despite all the prayer, as the heavens opened and it absolutely poured. We have never been prevented from sharing the Gospel due to bad weather until last month, but we pray that something has changed in the spiritual atmosphere and maybe the torrential rain was a prophetic sign of things to come.



However, we were not to be discouraged and the next week we got permission to take 'La Resurreccion' into the Helios. The first weekend in May there is a festival of the crosses in Granada and Cordoba - the good news is Jesus is not on these crosses, the bad news is they are all decorated and most have a hideous plate of food at the foot of the cross with scissors stuck in it. All kinds

of 'stuff' is all around and beneath the cross and people throw money into a basket. The official crosses get judged and prizes are given, the unofficial ones tend to be about begging for money. We have been told that the brotherhoods use this to raise money.

We like to take the opportunity to share the true message of the cross with those who come using the cross to beg for money. The price has been paid in full, by the precious blood of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.



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La Viñuela

Viñuela has undergone somewhat of a “pruning”. Sometimes there are seasons when God needs to trim the vine in order for there to be new growth. No-one likes times of discipline but our God is a good Father who knows what we need better than we do. He always disciplines us in His love. He loves us as we are - but He loves us too much to leave us there! He is first and foremost holy and will not give His glory to another.



Mike and Joan Tomlinson have been invited to share in ministering into Viñuela and have expressed a willingness to do so, whilst continuing to be involved in Nerja. They are going to lead a mid week prayer and bible study group on Wednesdays. They have already been regularly ministering in Viñuela.

Mike and Joan have for a long time had a heart for a prayer ministry here in Spain and we look forward to all that they will share with us.

Another person who will be taking a more prominent role is worship leader Peter Cackett. Peter, like Joan and Mike, is well known to; and much appreciated by Viñuela.



“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

Prayer is the first, the middle and the last - without God we can do nothing. As David Hamilton from Mojácar always says: “Keep looking up.”

Mojácar

We are pleased to announce we are moving to a **new venue** as from 29th May 2011 . The new venue represents a big step forward for the local church. Situated just off the Red Cross roundabout opposite the Pharmacy on the beach front it gives the church a daily accessible building as a community centre for people to visit for friendship, prayer, various meetings and access to Christian resources. We are here to serve the community and aim to be relevant to people regardless of denominational or cultural background.

The church offers:

1. A place of Christian worship that is open and informal.
2. Teaching from the bible that will encourage and develop people in their relationship with God.
3. A sense of community for individuals and families.
4. A support structure for those in need in particular for the elderly.
5. “Paddlers” Mothers and Tots group

There are also the important occasions like baptisms, wedding blessings and funerals that the church is able to help with.

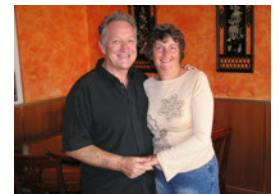
Those who are part of Living Water Church – Mojácar testify of how a personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ has changed and fulfilled their lives, giving them purpose and hope for the future. This truth is something we want to share with others who are seeking a deeper walk with God.

The church meet every Sunday at 11.00am and is designed to be flexible for both residents and visitors alike.

A warm welcome is extended to all who would like to join us for our inauguration meeting **on Saturday 4th June at 2.00pm** refreshments will be provided after the meeting. For more information visit

www.livingwaterchurchmojacar.com

Keep looking up, Pastor David Hamilton



*The "Why" Question
Will Never Be Answered on Earth*

excerpt from "Radical Perceptions" by Graham Cooke

“Why me?” “Why this?” “Why now?” “Why?!” Often this type of question can come out of shock, anger, self pity and bewilderment. We seek meaning, purpose and significance. This particular question “why?” can deliver none of the answers that would be most helpful. It’s the question that will leave us trapped in our own grief and misery. It prevents us from moving on. It creates an inertia in our soul and we remain stuck in a moment in time, unable to extricate our emotions. I have seen those moments of grief become despair, self pity, anger, resentment and bitterness. The heart is overwhelmed and we disappear into ourselves and lose the life we could have enjoyed.

I adored my brother Ian. He died in 1975, at age 26. He was walking to work on an icy canal path one freezing winter morning in the north of England. He slipped on a patch of ice, fell on his head, became unconscious, slid into the water, and drowned. He left a young wife and two small daughters. My heart seemed to freeze in my chest. Our whole family was locked in a grief so despairing we were speechless, adrift in shock. I have never known such awful silence. The “why” question was on all our lips, reducing our capacity to think, squeezing our hearts with its iron grip, numbing us from any other emotion, robbing us of life and purpose.

An answer never came. Some people still ask that same question. They are stuck in the present–past. Life eventually moved on and they moved with it, but a part of their heart is stuck in that moment. “Everything works together for good...” (Romans 8:28). God does not engineer bad circumstances so that He can produce good, like a rabbit out of a hat. Rather, He knows that on days life has a capacity to be awful and terrible. In those moments He works within us, around us and often through us to bring about some form of release and blessing. Goodness is part of His Truth, His Nature, His Persona.

Travelling north for the funeral I felt too numb even to pray. A scripture was doing the rounds in my head, like a toy train on a loop track. “Rejoice always, in everything give thanks, this is the will of God” (1 Thessalonians 5:16–18). When we cannot pray without ceasing, it’s because we have not given thanks enough. I worshipped the whole way home, six hours on two trains and a bus journey to the house of my childhood. I walked into a room frozen with grief, the icicles of despair hanging in the atmosphere, eyes red from crying, family members stumbling around, impotent in their own tragedy. That night I had a dream. Short, simple, and powerful. It was two men walking up a hill. I could see their backs, not their faces. The whole landscape was a riot of colour. Flowers of every shade of brightness grew profusely. It was a warm, sunny day; the sky a perfect blue. The two men were laughing, pulling and pushing on one another. Two friends sharing something hilarious. I wanted to run to catch up with them and share in their moment. At the top of the hill one of the men stopped and turned. Jesus looked at me with that slow gentle smile of His that lights up His whole face. I smiled back. The other man turned and it was my brother. Ian grinned at me in that same, mischievous grin that I knew so well. My heart felt like it was coming out of my chest. We looked at each other and... he winked. With that wink of his eye, strength came back into me.

The next morning I told my family the dream. No one spoke afterwards, but the icicles of despair began to thaw. We grieved, and we held onto one another. We laughed too, at memories of him. In some mysterious way life came back to us from the dead. My mother became a Christian as a result of that dream. Family members, still pre-Christian, remember the dream to this day. The “why” question never gets answered because it’s the wrong question. It’s often an invalid question that makes an invalid of those who pursue it. Mostly it stems from or introduces us to victim thinking.

We are in Christ and no matter what occurs in life, we cannot look for an answer outside of our placement. The two best questions to ask are found in the account of the Day of Pentecost. “What does this mean?” (Acts 2:12) and, “What shall we do?” (2:37). As believers we must always ask questions in line with our identity. More than wanting answers, we must seek Presence. The Comforter is the only One who can help us. In His Presence I get to ask my favourite question of all, “Lord, what is it that you want to be for me now, that you couldn’t be at any other time?”

That question has always been answered.