

# 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 eight 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 April 2010

***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:** Tony & Eila Classon (950 064 402)

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

**Thursday:** Life Groups and Prayer meeting

***Granada:*** *Tim & Mary Slegg are in the process of planting in Huetor Vega.* **Contact:** (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:*** *Calle Blas Enfante 39.*

**Sunday:** Family Service 5.30pm **Tuesday:** Prayer meeting 10am

**Contact:** Jes Allen (958 349 215)

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

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

***Viñuela Area:*** *Beneath Inmobiliaria Maroma,*

*Cruce Puente don Manuel, Alcaucín*

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

**Contact:** Colin Lavender (952 115 220),

John & Maureen Laycock (952 033 021)

## Albox

***Has this been a difficult winter, physically, emotionally or spiritually?*** Was there discouragement and confusion? My sensing is that we all need a reassuring cuddle of encouragement and hope for better things in our personal lives and for the work of God. Faith is a muscle that needs exercise or it becomes weak and flabby. For many of us exercise is not a top priority, but I believe in the “use it or lose it” school of thought, so we aim to walk briskly for 30 to 40 minutes each day; spiritually the message is the same; like the psalmist David we encourage ourselves in the Lord and His word.

*Faith, the confident expectation of things not seen, Romans 10.10, Hebrews 11.1 comes (will come) by speaking, hearing, digesting and anticipating the arrival of the promises of God. To avoid being overwhelmed by world events and the busyness of life do not forget who you are in Christ and what He has promised. Faith comes (will come not may come) by the hearing and declaring of what God has said, speaking this expectantly and anticipating the manifestation of what you need. Despite all the apparently contradiction of natural evidence, stand and declare what God has said, visualise the arrival of whatever you are claiming \*provided this is in the word of God and it fits His gestation period for you (\*timing is crucial). Do not misunderstand me, we are not talking “new age” but Eila and I have successfully claimed specific amounts of money needed in a crisis, sold houses that would not sell and bought cars with money we did not currently have.*

However, we must always first know the will of God, to hear Him clearly and then to have this confirmed in His word and by circumstances or through other people, then we are in faith *not* presumption. We never pray for God to supply wants but only for needs, often for healing or financial provision for others. Faith requires action, we walk in faith, taking the first steps before the second or third steps appear, but always based upon His word and willing to accept whatever outcome results, by trusting in God. Like the spiritual giants of the Bible we call on God, we visualise and expect results but willing to accept delay or to wait. God is not a man that He would lie, He will not give a serpent if we ask for food, we can trust Him. If you do not know the word of God this is the priority, by knowing the word we will discover the nature and character of God and build believing faith that anticipates His provision. In whatever circumstances you find yourself, be encouraged, seek for and retain the peace of God, be willing to learn how to be more loving and supportive of others, but in everything give thanks.

*Blessings, Tony Classon.*

## La Viñuela

**“Though we are many, we are one body.”** A body has many and varied parts to it and each works intricately woven to the other parts to perform well as a whole. We are Christ’s body here on earth. When we are functioning together we are working well and healthily as a whole. However, we are all different, God gave each of us unique gifts and talents to use within His body for the extension of His Kingdom.

*“If an eye says ‘I am not a foot’ I am no use – where could we walk?” Likewise if we say “I am not a prophet or I am not a teacher or preacher – I have no use” where would the body be with all prophets and all teachers? The truth is we all have gifts and talents that we can use to “build up the body”. When we first started the church James Burn said: “Find out what gifts and talents the people have in the church and you will get a picture of what God wants to do in that area”.*

To this end Viñuela is reaching out to the community with its talents and giftings. The Art group has now been running for some months and everyone is enjoying being part of it, even those who had never picked up a pencil or an art brush have been amazed at what they are capable of achieving. As Margaret, who leads the Group, says “we are a jolly lot and it’s a great social day”. So much so that three new ladies (non church) are wanting to join. Three new contacts to start witnessing to!

The building is also now being used by Alcoholics Anonymous. Maybe you will not be part of that group, but you can pray for them regularly that the Lord will meet them and change them.

As you come to the service each Sunday – what can you offer to the Lord as you come. A prayer, a word of testimony, a word of encouragement? What will build up your brothers and sisters and bring a smile to the face of your Lord?



### **Invitation from Vera and Derek of Nerja:**

The Viñuela congregation is invited to join in a dinner party to celebrate Easter Day at their house immediately after the service. If you would like to come please bring a plate of food. For details contact Vera 952 529 670.

*Blessings, Colin Lavender*

## Salobreña

**EASTER DAY** will see a change of time for our service. Instead of being in the evening it will be at **10.00 a.m.**



**H2O is a journey of spiritual discovery commencing on Sunday 11th April at 5.30 pm FTK, Salobreña.**



Then from 11<sup>th</sup> April the evening services will be moving to a slightly different format. Those who were at the Family Meeting know that we will be starting a fascinating course called **H2O**. Running for ten weeks, but spread over three complete months, this course is very suitable for non-Christians as well as believers.

*The meeting each week will begin with a brief time of worship which will be followed by viewing a 20-25 minute video presentation touching on a theme related to our spiritual journey. There will then be adequate time to discuss together the issues raised by the film. The whole meeting will be conducted in the "Café style church" that we have used previously.*

The children will continue to have Sunday School as usual because some of the material touched on in H2O is inappropriate for them. They will also be starting on some exciting new material themselves, to be taught on a

rota basis by some of our most experienced teachers.

*Then, because we believe in the importance of praise and worship, every fourth week will be a Celebration Praise Evening instead of the H2O course. **This is both a challenging and an enjoyable course – don't miss it! Also, think about who you can invite.***

**Carlos & Loida** continue to be encouraged by deepening relationships with the youngsters at the club and the slowly growing weekly service in Spanish.

## Almuñécar

**Doesn't time pass quickly** – it seems like no time at all since I was wishing people 'Happy New Year', and now we are almost in Holy Week. Once again I seem to be steeling myself to withstand all the processions and accompanying



idolatry that will be rolled out during Holy Week, but at the same time I hear God saying we must take every opportunity to tell people the truth, which means not hiding indoors and being prepared for the conversations we can have because of what goes on. We are hoping to get permission from the Town Hall for Judy, Gavin and the family to present 'Resurrección' in the Plaza de la Constitución on Resurrection Sunday at 1pm as they did last year. It was very

effective and well received by the many people seated at the bars as well as those passing through. We have such a sense of urgency that the people in Spain must hear God's Truth now, as soon as possible, as often as possible. "Now is the time of God's favour; now is the day of salvation" 2 Corinthians 6:2.

*Ladies, we will definitely be having our 'Encounter with God' weekend and it's so exciting that so many of us are hungry for all that He has for us. We will be staying at El Poblado del Amanecer from early evening on Friday May 7<sup>th</sup> until late afternoon on Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup> with meals and overnight accommodation as part of our time with each other and, more importantly, with God. You can contact me for more information and I would very much appreciate you letting me know asap if you are coming in order to confirm rooms/meals.*

Our Thursday evening meetings continue to be exciting as we praise, worship and fellowship with our Saviour. The discipleship evenings at Judy and Gavin's are also proving to be exciting times of seeing God moving in the lives of those who are there. Last week also saw a young lady surrender her life to Christ and receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit – it was the first week she had attended and went along to see if she could find answers to her questions; I guess the answer was 'YES'. How awesome are the times we are living in.

*Blessings, to you all, Pat Mingorance*

**All contributions for the newsletter should be sent by 15th of the month previous to publication to Chris Thomas at [chris.thomas@ftk-spain.net](mailto:chris.thomas@ftk-spain.net) or call her on 958 658439.**

## Granada

### Prayer for Granada and Spain 22 - 24 April

Following our article in the last newsletter, we're happy to confirm that five church groupings (including Fellowship of the King) with a presence in Granada province have now agreed to proceed with two days of intercession in Granada city. This will start in the afternoon of Thursday 22nd April and continue until after lunch on Saturday 24th April and will be held in the premises of Luz de las Naciones, Col. San Sebastian, Ctra de Armilla s/n, Granada. This is easy to find taking the Armilla exit from the ring road (circunvalación), heading into Granada city about ½ km, parking in Carrefour and crossing the main road where the *local* is obviously signed. Accommodation will be available in homes and perhaps a church premises for those who wish to stay overnight and we will eat together midday. Although the meetings will be held in Spanish, there will be several there who speak English and so some form of translation will be available.

*This event is significant: because of the historical importance of Granada in Spain as the province where probably the gospel entered the country during the time of the Acts of the Apostles, the Muslim occupation for 800 years, the oppression of a very legalistic form of Catholicism that followed, and as the place from which Christopher Columbus received his orders to sail west with the resulting conquest of the what is now Latin America. There is a strong spiritual bondage over the city and around and we feel the time is right to come together as His people to seek the face of our God and proclaim His authority over the land. There will also be prayer for Spain. We shall seek to invite all the churches in the province and probably pray over the city from the hills around and in Santa Fe.*

Such an event needs some preparation, so apart from planning and prayer meetings on a weekly basis for those most involved there will be two general church prayer meetings in Granada and Armilla beforehand as well as a call to 21 days of individual prayer and fasting as led by the Spirit starting from 1st April. The event will be led by an intercessory team (perhaps about 25 people) called España Intercede who have many years experience of prayer around Spain.

*Please be praying into this time and if you are able to attend even for one day, that would be great.*

*Blessings, Tim & Mary*

## Mojácar

**Greetings to you all.** They tell me there are two certainties in this life, death and paying taxes. I like to believe that when you've saved there is an assurance far beyond man's limited understanding.

*Hebrews 10:22 says "let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith". As leaders we are constantly reminded of the fragility of life and are called to offer comfort and hope to those who are grieving. It seems that as Christians we are not immune to pain and suffering. We don't see the universal picture as God does but it does help us to have an eternal perspective in Christ. Through our own experience of loss and pain I know we plumb new depths of strength and perseverance that we may never have known existed had we not gone through the testing times. As I write, the words that Jesus said to Peter keeps coming back to me "Who do you say I am".*

This is where the rubber hits the road. Where Peter and all of us make our confession and decision that has a life changing effect. The challenge to Peter was "I can't pretend when confronted with Jesus" we can't hide behind some cloak of decency or think we can kid Jesus by kidding others. Besides He's not going to have it. He's looking for an honest response.

*God challenges us to Get Real. It's about allowing our relationship and knowledge of Christ to affect every aspect of our life. When we are courageous enough to do so then He will abide with you especially through the valleys of sorrow and mourning.*

Abraham was challenged to lay the most precious thing he had down on the altar. The son that through whom the promise would be fulfilled. Our Calvary road leads us to the same place where God is enthroned in our hearts above every possession and relationship. It is then that He gets the glory. The scripture Colossians 1:15-20 speaks of the supremacy of Christ, read them slowly, they help us put into perspective the person to whom we say, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" say it again and when you are facing a crisis say it with all the honesty you can muster and see what God will do in your life. He is a faithful God. Hallelujah!

Keep Looking up

*Pastor David Hamilton*

***Our sympathy to all family and friends of Carol Currie who passed peacefully into the presence of the Lord in March.***

## ***Christ is risen – He is risen indeed!***

*Nikolai Ivanovich Bukharin was as powerful a man as there was on earth. A Russian Communist leader he took part in the Bolshevik Revolution 1917, was editor of the Soviet newspaper Pravda (which, by the way, means “Truth”), and a full member of the Politburo. In 1930 he journeyed from Moscow to Kiev to address a huge rally on the subject of atheism. Addressing the crowd he aimed his heavy artillery at Christianity hurling insult, argument, and proof against it. As he drew to a close an elderly orthodox priest risked his all by asking permission to address the audience. The bemused politician agreed. The assembly fell silent and the priest pronounced the traditional Easter greeting, “Christ is Risen!” To a man the audience rose to its feet and roared back, “He is risen indeed!”*

Bukharin had never realised that you can argue against a philosophy or an ideology but you have to disprove an event. The faith of Jesus Christ is the only historical faith: it stands or falls with its events rather than its teaching. The first Christian sermons proclaimed that Christ is risen and only then added the implications.

*Paul says that if Christ is not raised from the dead, Christians misrepresent God. In fact the whole Bible is a misrepresentation of God. For the Bible maintains that God reveals more than **truth** to men; he reveals **Himself**. God shows us Himself through His mighty acts. But those deed are always accompanied by the prophetic word. Throughout the history of Israel, God raised up prophets to interpret what God was doing in history. For example, the deliverance from Egypt was not due to the strength of Israel, nor to the skill and cleverness of Moses; it was an act of God. And Hebrews tells us that God’s most eloquent word was spoken in the historical event of Jesus of Nazareth. “In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophet; but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son”.*

But if Jesus is not raised, God’s dealings with man end in a borrowed Palestinian grave. For He is neither the living God, nor is He the God of the living. Death is stronger than God; and we cannot know Him, for we cannot have a relationship with a dead God. If Jesus is not raised His Kingdom is neither coming, nor can we experience foretastes of it now. And if death is stronger than God’s word then God’s acts are clearly futile in the face of man’s greatest enemy, death. The idea of the immortality of the soul and its departure at death is no more than ancient Greek wishful thinking. Apart from the resurrection of Christ, all ideas of life beyond death are mere speculation. In 1 Corinthians Paul hangs the **entire future** on Jesus’ resurrection. If He is not raised then “Those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished”. But Christian hope is neither “pie in the sky” nor philosophical speculation; it is a certainty that rests upon a certain fact, the historical event that is the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. ***“Christ is risen – He is risen indeed!”***

## ***Cuba***



***Following on from their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Cuba Ian and Pat report:***

*“We had a lovely time in Cuba. We were touched by the poverty of the people but they are lovely and*

*all the mixed races live together in harmony. Extremely poor generally and the houses very small - like shacks in the East - and in Havana like derelict slums. In the east there is no proper transport system and the people walk everywhere. There are men with clip boards who stand by the side of the road and people gather round him. He is an official and has authority to stop cars with say just the driver and insist that he gives other people a lift.*

We managed to get in touch with a little church and deliver the Spanish New Testaments we had with us. They were so thankful. The Pastor and his wife live on less each month than it cost us for the taxi fare from the hotel to the church! They have no phone - computers - bank accounts - basic clothes and little food. There are ration books so they can buy some food each month but it is not much and the shops have little in them. People queue for bread. One man in the church had no shirt, and shoes are scarce. Most wear flip flops.

*Children's clothes are in short supply. We left all the clothes we could spare and some money. Also the Pastor and his wife had no watches so we gave them ours. The Pastors said he had been praying for a watch and his wife had been dreaming about having one so they were very touched. Was the least we could do. We prayed with them and anointed them and the power of the Lord came on them. There are (they say) over 1 million born again Protestant believers in Havana. The population of Cuba is about 11 million. There has been quite a move of God in the country.”*

***Blessings, Ian and Pat***

## Nerja

*Recently at a “listening to the Lord” time during the Nerja prayer meeting lots of things the Lord had shown us, or said to us, came “flooding” into my mind. On sharing this with everyone, they thought I should share what was in my mind with all of the FTK, for encouragement. So here goes! Soon after coming to Spain I had a “picture” of a piece of black material coming out from the Church on the Balcon in Nerja. A few days later, a flame destroyed this. Then Diana from the U.S.A. “saw” a cross at the bottom of Calle Pintada and hundreds of people queueing up to get to it.*

A prayer group in Nerja walked the streets of the original town for six days – it was called “Operation Jericho”. This included Orange Square. At the top was a crossroads. A picture of Spain? On day seven, plus reinforcements from along the coast, we walked as usual, had a time of praise and prayer, then walked the Balcon seven times. (During the week a tree fell down on this Balcon and a well-known sect moved out of Nerja!) When it began to rain, we went down under the Balcon, sang “Majesty” and blew the shofar. Nieves fell flat on her back and a huge wave was seen coming in to the coast.

More recently I’ve had a picture of a huge praise party in Orange Square. It was dug up three weeks ago to be re-tiled! Please join us in praying for Nerja – that these prophecies will come to pass.

*Blessings, Jean Parker*

*We have had news of Alan Calford who has so far completed 19 sessions of chemotherapy and is on steroids. However he is sounding very bright and, as always, retains his lovely sense of humour. Please keep Alan and Hazel in your prayers, they love to keep in touch with the news from Nerja even though they probably won’t be able to come out again.*

Following on from last month when Mae Doris received healing, James has also received healing. After his operation he was in a lot of pain and came forward to be prayed for for healing. The Holy Spirit was resting on him and the pain went. Nieves had a picture of Jesus lifting the bandage and looking underneath. When he went back to have the dressing changed (supposed to be every day for six weeks) the nurses and doctor couldn’t believe how rapidly the wound had healed. It is continuing to heal quickly and knit together properly. Praise God for the work of His hands!

*Vera & Derek are hosting a party to celebrate Easter at their home directly after the service on Easter Day. Please come with a plate of food.*

Vera writes, “My cousin’s name is Maggie (Margaret). She lives in Largs in Scotland with her husband Peter and they have 4 boys all grown now into fine young men. She is my cousin through marriage. We had lost touch with one another and had not met for years.

*Then two or three years ago Maggie and her husband Peter were holidaying in the area of Almería. They contacted/visited us in Maro and Maggie fell in love with the place. She came to FTK with me one Sunday morning and was overwhelmed by the welcome she received and felt truly at home and at peace. In her words she has no idea that church could be like that. After that Maggie visited Maro frequently, always came to FTK and took part in all the activities, fellowship groups etc. made lots of friends, especially Irene the Russian girl and Robert. Maggie told me that she has been led to the Lord by her being here. She has now found an Evangelical church in Largs and both she and Peter are going. Maggie telephoned me two weeks ago to say that, in her words, she HAS HAD AN EXPERIENCE, so much so that they both went back to the evening worship the same day. I do believe that Maggie has met with the LORD. ALLELUIA!*

I have also had a lovely email and pictures from Kath and Mike about their kindergarten in Kenya. They have started with 20 children and when they go



back in April they are opening room for another 20 children. There will be at least 100 children hoping to get into school. One little 4 year old girl with her grandmother walks 5 kms every day to the school. A meal is provided every day at lunchtime sometimes it is the only one they get. They have a wonderful born again Christian teacher who talks to them every day about Jesus. When they go back again in April Kath and Mike hope to start to

build an adjoining room so that they can provide a primary school class for at least another 20 children. They are working with the Kenyan officials in that area so that they are providing what the Kenyans feel is needed. I am asking that instead of buying me a gift for my birthday that donations are given, if people wish, which will be given to Mike and Kath’s charity called HOLA.”

*Blessings, Vera*