

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 June 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 **Miercoles:** Reunión de oración 19.00

Salobreña: *Calle Blas Enfante 39.*

Sunday: Family Service - see inside **Tuesday:** Prayer meeting 9.30am

Contact: Jon & Emma Jarratt (634 330 882)

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

Domingo: Alabanza y predicación 12.00hras **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

FAITHFULNESS. We live in Almanzora village, just outside Albox. Between our village and the town they are constructing the new motorway, which will run from Baza to Vera. Some houses in the path of the new roadway have been requisitioned and demolished, others have finished up so close to the motorway that their owners have lost interest in them. The houses are no longer what their owners purchased, villas on a quiet road in the heart of the country. For the same reason they will not sell, so they have been abandoned and their owners have returned to the UK.

One such villa we pass frequently as we travel to Albox. Its gate is literally a few yards from the roadway, and in front of that gate lies a beautiful Springer Spaniel. No matter what time of day we pass by, this lovely animal still lies there. He has been abandoned, like the house, but, sadly, he still waits patiently for his owners to return. It just breaks our hearts to see him ! He has been waiting there for the last 18 months, being fed by neighbours - waiting and longing for owners who will probably never return. What an example of faithfulness! It is sad to think that our human faithfulness falls so far short of that of animals, particularly dogs. We not only abandon them but we are capable of abandoning each other. We can forget, neglect and desert friends, children and spouses, if it suits us, in our own selfish interests. But a dog remains faithful, no matter how we treat him.

How much more this is true of our Father God. The Bible speaks in many places about the faithfulness of God, as in Psalm 117 :

Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise him, all peoples!
His love for us is strong And his faithfulness is eternal.

Our God is faithful, no matter how many times we forget, neglect and desert Him. No matter how deep we sink into sin and selfishness, He still stands by us. We could think that we are walking far away from Him, but He is actually right beside us all the time. When trouble, pain and sorrow attack us, we think that God doesn't care and is far away, but in reality He is closer to us than ever, just waiting for us to call out to Him, just waiting for His beloved child to reach out to Him, just waiting to put His arms around us and to say, " Don't worry, I am here. You are safe, because I love you." Praise you, Lord, for your unfailing, everlasting faithfulness!

Blessings, Barbara Pears

La Viñuela

LADIES WEEKEND

"I was not quite sure what to expect but was pleasantly surprised. The accommodation was very clean and comfortable, food was also good and management were very hospitable.

I came away from the weekend feeling closer to God, the teachings made me see things in a different light and made me realise that I need to spend more time reading my Bible and praying. I feel that the Holy Spirit and been re-instilled in me.

How great is our God."

Chris Milner

"I wish to thank wholeheartedly those who served by making the Encounter with God weekend a great success, namely Rafa, Pat and Judy. We know a lot of hard work went into this delightful project and we pray God's blessing on this place. Thank you."

Mary Neville

"Thank you so much to all those who worked extremely hard to make the conference possible. The teaching, worship and testimonies were a real blessing as was being able to focus on the Lord without the usual interruptions. Rafa, Adriana and their staff could not have made us more welcome, we all appreciated how hard they worked on our behalf and pray that the Lord will bless them and their vision."



Lesley Tilbury

El Poblado del Amanecer



Accommodation of bungalows and bunk houses set in the tranquil and beautiful countryside. The road leads down to the main building set round an inner courtyard.

This testimony was written by Dawn, one of the part time residents who came on the Ladies Weekend:

“As a part-time resident, I was blessed by the timing of this very special gathering and the efforts made to enable more than expected to be there.

I felt the love of His people and the messages from His word spoke as if just for me. One was about things from childhood, which I didn't realise still hurt - I didn't realise I needed to forgive. When I did I felt an overwhelming peace and that God said to me ‘I love you my child’.”

Almuñécar

I love God – He never ceases to amaze me. There are so many times when we have to say ‘With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.’



About 23 ladies from across the congregations came together at the beginning of May for a special time with God. We took a Friday evening and all day Saturday to focus on our faith walk and various aspects of it. We were also able to spend some time getting to know each other better as we enjoyed the hospitality of El Poblado del Amanecer. We are so grateful to God for providing such a place of peace with spectacular views where we were so beautifully looked after by Rafa and Adriana. They had worked really hard to get everything ready for us as we were their first guests and miraculously did so. I thank God for them, their staff, the place, and most of all His presence throughout. Many of us were greatly touched in different ways for different reasons. Personally, I have become even more aware of the greatness of our God and Saviour; the vastness of His influence; the immensity of His love and His amazing grace. To Him be all the glory!

As summer approaches, we have been considering what kinds of outreach God is preparing the ground for. So far we haven't anything fixed but are continuing to seek Him. With so many people here during the summer months, there has to be some way of reaching those who are lost but seeking. ‘All things are possible with God’.

We pray for everyone to have a great summer wherever you are and whatever you are doing.

N.B. For the month of August we are planning to have Sunday services again in Almuñécar. Please contact me for details.

Blessings, to you all, Pat Mingorance

Granada

Mary and Tim had the vision when they came back to Europe from Mexico of a ring of fire (circulo de fuego) around the Mediterranean which was where the original churches of the first century were. Although they have very definitely been called to be in Spain it doesn't diminish their desire to see a ring of fire around the Mediterranean which for them means a specific interest in the countries of North Africa.

This summer, despite the crackdown on Christian involvement in Morocco, they are going to attempt to visit the country - although thus far the plans have not really come together. They are in conversation with a Moroccan family who live in Andalucía and might be prepared to be their hosts and guides over there. However, there are still issues to iron out. It is likely that they will be going in August or late July.



Tim and Mary have also been very concerned recently over the number of suicides there has been in Granada. Significantly the “patron saint” of Granada is María de las Angustias. *Angustia*, of course, means anguish. These suicides have caused such anguish to the families involved.

Now whilst there are many lovely, spirit-filled, believing catholics it does have to be said that for so many in Spain, unreformed catholicism is a syncretistic folk religion and that their veneration of the virgin is effectively idolatry. Psalm 115 vv 4-8 clearly warn us that those who worship idols will become like them; and if the idol you worship happens to be of anguish is it surprising that suicide - the most anguished of all behaviour - starts to become a prevalent pattern? How many young people in Spain, as elsewhere, still need Jesus to give them hope in these days of trial and uncertainty, where even the prospect of getting a job is becoming increasingly unlikely for many of them?

Mojácar

Greetings, we praise God for His faithfulness and grace, and we rejoice in serving our Lord in these troubled days. “Many are the plans in a man’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails”. Proverbs 19:21. The election battle is over but we still face uncertain days ahead. It is vital that in these uncertain days we know God’s guidance, failure to have the lamp of His word directing us will result in indecision, confusion and insecurity. “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” Psalm 119:105. As Christians we must look beyond the rhetoric and consider the issues that really affect our nations.

I believe that every social problem and need can be traced back to a major moral shift in our land which has coincided with a rejection of God’s Word. Issues such as the breakdown of the family unit, lack of adequate discipline, encouragement of sexual promiscuity, fragmenting of communities and a lack of respect for people and property resulting in rising crime all add to a burden upon us all. The response of leaders is to throw money at the problem in the hope that it will go away. The actual answer is to recognize where our nation has gone wrong and be bold and courageous enough to face the real issues. Jesus met the issues of man’s failure head on. As a church we are responsible to be salt and light in this world. That is to be a community that is built on God’s standard and in turn influence the community around us. This means we need to get it right ourselves. We live in a grey world where people long for sunshine and when they see it will be drawn to it. “Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.”. Hebrews 11:1

As we look around we see the results of building on a fragile foundation, we are faced with great potential to show our communities a better way that gives hope and peace for all who believe. “Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5

I believe the time is right for there to be a new paradigm shift in peoples thinking that will result in nations returning to the principles of God’s Word. It will be our lifestyles and our passion for Jesus that will speak to many in the days ahead. In the next month we plan two community outreach initiatives:

1. Parent and Tots group.
2. Coffee morning to be held in local restaurant.

Both these events are bridges to the community and our prayers are that we can have a greater contact and influence on lives and to be salt and light to those around us. Keep looking up.

Pastor David Hamilton

Nerja

We give God praise that all of Derek's blood tests came back o.k. The doctors thought that the last time he went for a check he must have been having "an off day". As Vera commented - well we have been praying for him!

Many of the ladies from Nerja went on the "Encounter with God" weekend up at El Poblado del Almenacer, up in the mountains looking down towards Almuñecar and views across towards Peñas Escritas.



The ladies found the time very helpful and God spoke to them in many different ways.

Vera commented that she had received deep healing and that a time of waiting on the Lord, which had seemed to her like five minutes, was actually an hour - she was so surprised she even thought her watch was wrong. God gave her many

verses including "The Lord is my Shepherd" and Isaiah 46 vs 4 "Even to your old age I am he and to grey hairs I will carry you. I have made and I will bear, I will carry and will save."

He gave Vera a dream/vision of her in a deep cavern unable to get out then the Lord came and put in steps for her to get out to enable her to "walk in the Lord's footsteps".

More accounts are given from ladies in Viñuela on that page.

What a mighty God we serve!

It brings new meaning to the song "I lift my eyes up to the mountains - where does my help come from? It comes from you Lord, King of Heaven, creator of the earth."

Salobreña

As this will be the last bulletin for the summer months you need to note that as from 27th June the service will change from an evening one to 9.30 a.m. in the morning. This enables us to miss the heat of the day - and the late evening traffic jams! The service will return to its normal time in the evening on 19th September.



Jon, Emma and Joe are settling in well at Guajar Fondon and are appreciating help from Andres in trying to get their house up together. Emma has already had cause to learn first hand how the health service operates with Joe badly cutting his chin and needing a trip to the hospital. Fortunately he is back running around and enjoying life and Emma found her time learning Spanish in Madrid paid dividends.

John and Emma will also be working with the Spanish Church and the Spanish people in their village where they have also been made very welcome.

A Look into El Poblado del Amanecer



The courtyard in the middle of the main building. Sat outside here you look directly up into the mountains.

One of the bunk rooms. Each room has two sets of bunk beds.

All simply but comfortably furnished.

The bungalows have double beds and a table and chairs and two chairs that can convert into single beds.

Each place has its own private bathroom.



Praising the Lord! What a beautiful setting in which to do so.



All important coffee break in the dining area.



Awaiting arrivals. The length of the hall is ideal for conferences.

Even the pictures were painted by Rafa's mother.

