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 May 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: H_20 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 **Miercoles:** 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: Maureen Bamber (952 518 185)

Albox

Each month in attempting to bring a word for the newsletter there is always the danger that what God is saying to me may not be appropriate for you. However, I am sensing that many here and possibly across the region are feeling tired and frustrated in the work of God. Rather than growing, we are shrinking in Albox with four more people returning to UK, so if like me, you have been feeling discouraged and wondered what on earth is happening - read on. We recently brought a message from Isaiah 35.3/7 which is very encouraging – but with it comes a responsibility to support one another and especially those that have regularly encouraged you, they may also be weary.

The word this month is from Colossians 4.5 which directs us to redeem the time with wisdom, "time" here refers to "Kairos time", divinely appointed times, definite times, uniquely set times in the plan of God. We understand that God has placed us as His stewards over this most precious possession we call "time" and by redeeming (to buy back) time, in effect, we attempt to use these special seasons of times, wisely and constructively. We should also remind ourselves that what we see in the natural is not the full picture; time is getting shorter for our enemy the Devil as well as for us, so he will attempt to bring discouragement.

When asked what are the signs of the end times, Jesus said "do not be deceived". The enemy is a liar and a deceiver, so in the midst of uncertainty and increasing world unrest "things" are happening in the spiritual realm - we heard this week that 1200 Muslims are coming to faith in Christ "every day" (via Internet). In Israel where new age religions and satanism are popular programmes on TV there is also a spiritual hunger where many will discuss the gospel, young people in particular are open and willing to receive. During this week we heard a report from Messianic leaders in the Land stating that thousands of young people are coming to faith and that despite opposition from Orthodox Jews the number of Messianic Assemblies continues to grow and is considered to be now many thousands.

As we see the end times prophetic scene unfolding before our eyes on TV be encouraged, Israel may be being surrounded by nations in turmoil that could contribute to another war in the middle east, but lift up your heads "for your redemption draws near". Jesus said watch the Fig Tree (Israel) this is the ultimate end times signal to initiate the return of our Saviour, so do not be discouraged, but use these precious "kairos" moments, wisely.

***Selah* Tony.**

CONGRATULATIONS

To Peter and Uschi, new Grandparents and to Katy, Stefan and David on the safe arrival of Ole.

They write:

Dear friends,

Ole Kuethe was born on April 16, 2011 at 07:09h in Kassel, Germany. We are filled with happiness; Love, Katy, Stefan, David, and OLE

Big brother David taking his new sister for a walk!

Congratulations also to David and Josie Silver on becoming grandparents, also to the proud Dad and Mum - Stefan and Karen whose daughter Abigail was born on 6th February weighing 3.4kg and is in perfect health.

SOME POINTS TO PONDER:

Let the grace of the Lord be the measure of your sufficiency;
let the peace of the Lord be the measure of your quietness;
let the power of the Lord be the measure of your strength;
let the goodness of the Lord be the measure of your contentment;
let the love of the Lord be the measure of your service;
let the faithfulness of the Lord be the measure of your trust;
let the beauty of the Lord be the measure of your worship;
let the fullness of the Lord be the measure of your joy;
let the sovereignty of the Lord be the measure of your confidence;
let the promises of the Lord be the measure of your expectations;
let the coming of the Lord be the measure of your hope.

Not only did Jesus attain eternal life for himself, He also had the power to give eternal life to others.

Seven P's form The Lord's Prayer

1. Privilege	Our Father, who art in Heaven,
2. Praise	Hallowed be thy name,
3. Purpose	Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven,
4. Provision	Give us this day our daily bread,
5. Pardon	Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us
6. Protection	Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
7. Perspective	Yours is the Kingdom the power & the glory forever and ever. Amen

Almuñécar

God is good all the time – more importantly, God is God all the time. Despite a bad weather forecast, rain during the week and a deluge of rain leading to the suspension of the religious events surrounding the idols of the 'cofradias' and 'hermandades' on Good Friday morning, we were blessed with dry, warm and mostly sunny weather on Resurrection Sunday morning. This meant that we were able to go ahead, as planned, with our dramatic presentation about the week leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection, together with the musical participation of Centro Familiar Cristiano church. We had a great time together proclaiming the Gospel in English and Spanish, worshipping and celebrating in the middle of Almuñécar in the open air. There were many people of different nationalities gathered on the terraces of the bars who were amazingly attentive to what was happening. One of the elders of the Spanish congregation prayed for God to open the floodgates of heaven and pour out healing and freedom and hope over the place we were gathered. Our ongoing prayer is that all who heard the truth about salvation and eternal life through Jesus Christ will respond to what they heard by surrendering their lives to Him. It was our first time of working with the Spanish church in an outreach situation and we look forward to doing more together.

Palm Sunday turned out unexpectedly as we gathered for Breakfast Church at the Faro. We were sixteen people in all with a complete mix of Holy Spirit filled believers, non- believers and any stance in between. Many were visitors (extended congregation) and although it presented a challenge in how to actually do it, a great time was had by all, as we ate, caught up with news, got to know new people and talk about where we might see ourselves in the events of that first Holy Week.

Blessings, to you all, Pat Mingorance

Cristo Rey

On Friday evening the Spanish and English congregations of Nerja got together to celebrate the anniversary of the Spanish church. Also to commission them as they will soon be moving into new premises within Nerja. A bigger building which will give them more room for the children.

The Spanish church presented Nieves with a bunch of flowers to thank her for all the help she has given them over the years.

Please pray for the Spanish church that they will get the permissions they need from the Town Hall and that the Lord will bless them in their new building.

La Viñuela

At Viñuela we had just finished studying Habakkuk in our midweek meeting, then our visiting preacher shared from Habakkuk, obviously an important message for us at this time. Habakkuk although written in the 7th Century B.C. paints a vivid picture of both the nation of Judah, the world and the church today. As Habakkuk looked around he saw spiritual bankruptcy, moral bankruptcy, evil men prospered and God's people suffered. God's Law was frozen out and judgement perverted. Habakkuk cried out to God. Why are you not doing anything about it? Why have you forsaken us? Why? Why? Why?!

As we survey our world we see much the same, elements and clauses within the Equality Bill compromise our obedience to God. We see graphic violence everywhere, the credit crunch with individuals, companies and countries on the brink of bankruptcy. Earthquakes, tsunamis disaster and destruction everywhere. We should be burdened for our fractured world.

As we call out to God, we need to recognise that His ways are not our ways, the Bible clearly speaks of earthquakes and disasters in the end times. We need wisdom when we pray, praying for those who are suffering from the effects, whilst recognising that God is Sovereign. He is in charge, God is in control.

Habakkuk was devastated by God's plans that the Babylonians were the chosen instrument to bring judgement to God's people, he accepted God's dealing are always right and just. Habakkuk had to wait for 60 years for God's plan to come about such a period of waiting is very difficult at the best of times and counter to today's culture.

Chapt . 3 v 16 finds him quivering with fear, although he had reached a point of assurance - waiting patiently for the coming day - waiting for God to act. He is singing as he reaffirms his trust. If everything else is taken away luxuries, then necessities, I still love God and He is enough. This is how we as believers need to trust God today regardless of our circumstances.

Blessings, Carol Hicks

Salobreña

Not a Fan

A number of well-known Christian leaders and authors have recently gone on record as saying they are not fans of Jesus Christ. I want to add my name to theirs.

Commencing on Sunday 1st May, our English-speaking congregation in Salobreña will be following a six-week series that endeavours to flesh out the statement that I am "NOT A FAN" of Jesus.

F***an: an enthusiastic admirer.***

The series asks each of us if there are moments in our lives when we feel like we are just blending in; when we have become just part of the audience. Moments when we wonder if we maybe ought to really take a stand for something. Moments when we wonder if it's time to do something. Time to show the world that we are followers and not fans. In the Gospels Jesus never seemed too interested in fans. He was looking for followers. Not just any old, half-hearted followers though … He was seeking out completely committed followers.

Not A Fan asks the question of us, "Are you a follower of Jesus Christ?" Hardly a new question, so much so that we have a tendency to dismiss it; not so much because it makes us feel uncomfortable, nor that it convicts us. Mostly because we don't really feel that it is necessary. However, one of the most sobering passages in the New Testament is found in Luke 7, when Jesus speaks of a coming day when everyone who has ever lived will stand in the presence of Almighty God.

On that day many who call themselves Christians, and even confidently claim to be followers of Jesus, will hear the Risen Lord say to them, "I never knew you, go away from my presence." This series is intended to help us all know for sure which side we stand on; to help us re-evaluate our relationship with Jesus so that we become committed followers for sure.

Mojácar

Greetings from Mojácar in the province of Almeria.

Someone sent me a video of a blind man begging for money, on his card it read, " I am blind please help" Very few gave and when they did it was only a little. A lady saw him and wrote on the back of his card "It's a beautiful day and I can't see it" then followed a steady supply of giving and not just the odd coin. I started thinking what made the difference with those change of words? It was the same man with the same need in the same place with the same message, but said differently. There are some things that never change like God himself, His promises and the gospel of Jesus Christ. Indeed we read in Hebrews 13:8 that Jesus himself is the same yesterday, today and forever.

When we consider the effectiveness of our evangelism and the communication of the truth of God's Word it's not the gospel that needs changing but maybe we do need to re-think how we communicate this glorious message.
Paul wrote: " *I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes*."
We have often learnt to say the right things but in today's communication age people must see the reality of that message in our lives.

There is a story of a man who came to the Mississippi river when it was frozen over, he desperately wanted to cross, but was gripped with fear of the ice breaking. He knelt down to spread his weight and slowly began to creep across the ice. Half way across, from behind he heard the sound of a man singing and out of the mist came the man driving a horse and cart loaded with coal merrily and swiftly passing by and disappearing into the mist all being held up by the same ice. Too often we spend our time creeping on God's promises when we should be boldly singing God's praises and trusting in him for every need.

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Mojácar (cont)

The challenge is that our lives match what we preach.

In Mojácar we have been given the opportunity to move into a new venue, a venue that will, we believe, assist us in the effectiveness of communicating the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The church will become more visible and we will have opportunity to be in contact with people on a daily basis. We want to be available to those who have needs and with God's grace share with them the love of God.

Please pray for the church here in Mojácar as we take this step of faith, we don't see all the details and we never know how thick the ice may be when we step out but we are assured that we are never alone on this journey and in Christ Jesus every day is a beautiful day.

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 23:19

Keep looking up, Pastor David Hamilton

Nerja

There was a "full house" for the celebration of the Passover in Nerja. We followed a traditional Passover celebration with explanations and a power-point from Leslie. Despite the rain outside, the atmosphere inside was warm and friendly and all participated with gusto!

Michael took many excellent pictures but (so that you won't be forever trying to download the bulletin) I have chosen just two to "give a flavour" of the event.

This picture of the dipping of bitter herbs.

Sunday *again saw a full house as locals and visitors alike gathered to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. - and what a day to celebrate! Alive to reign for evermore! Hallelujah - what a Saviour!*

The last Friday in the month saw a Film and Tapas night when the film Like Dandelion Dust was shown. These film nights are outreach events and have attracted in even some "sceptics" who couldn't believe that Christian films could be done well and have gone away quite surprised.