

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, with the ninth in the process of being planted, 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 October 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: *Avenida del Mediterraneo 31*

Sunday: Family Service - 5.30 pm **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

Forgotten Men? It is easy in Christian ministry to privately question “are we doing any good here, are we appreciated or misunderstood?”. Although this can happen humanly, it is never true of God, He values what we are doing, if we have been truly called of Him and remain faithful to that call. There is one man in the Bible who should qualify as the most forgotten man “Joseph” the husband of Mary. I have never yet heard anyone preach about him at Christmas or anywhere else, but he was chosen of God for a most significant task. A man so trusted by God that He placed His only Son in his home under his care to love and nurture - what a responsibility. As we read the story of the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, we find that Joseph was a just, righteous, merciful, protective and courageous man. Most of all he was obedient. When the angel told him to take Mary as his wife, he obeyed but was possibly misunderstood by his family and friends (Matthew 1.24). When the angel also told him to flee to Egypt with Mary and Jesus, he seems not to have questioned this (2.13/14). So just as Mary was specially chosen to bear the Son of God, Joseph was also deliberately chosen to provide for his young wife and the Christ-child. By trusting God totally, Joseph faithfully fulfilled all that was required of him. We can learn much from the life of this humble and obedient man, Joseph may have received no acknowledgement in this life, but he faithfully obeyed God and will receive his reward, eventually. I believe that we shall be rewarded mainly for our obedience and faithfulness, not numbers saved and baptised, my frequent saying has been that we shall “keep on keeping on”. Only God has the strategy, and right Kyros moment for breakthrough, right now we are being trained and prepared. Will we give up if God does not hit our targets, or shall we trust in His ability to build His church in His timing?

In our seven years in Albox, we have been through many experiences and disappointments, but right now we are enjoying a season of favour. New people are coming, two people saved recently, numbers up each week with wonderfully anointed meetings, over half our folk attend the mid week Bible studies (its not exactly revival we are still only about 25/30 people) but we are greatly encouraged. We start an Alpha in October and seven people will be baptised next week. I say all this to encourage any who are feeling weary, let us always honour God, by representing Him faithfully in the good times and the not so good,. We are never forgotten of God, He called us because He trusts us to listen and follow Him where He leads in all kinds of weather and circumstances. Our reward will be because of His mercy and by His enabling to remain faithful and obedient to His calling, not our performance; 1 Thessalonians 5:24.

Blessings, Tony Classon

(Graham Cooke cont.)

When the relationship of one person to another becomes toxic, love is still possible even if trust is negotiable. In real love, we always believe the best of someone. If their pattern of behaviour does not change, eventually the lack of trust will bring us to a crossroads. It is no longer possible to believe the best, but we can believe that they have the potential to become better. Love relates to people’s potential rather than their actual nature.

Love overcomes our own hurts and wounds. How do we love someone when love is not returned? In exactly the same way as if it were! We love for the joy of loving. Love means that we don’t have to “fix” people. We simply resource them with how we see them, think about them, and value them. Doing something for someone else without the need for recognition or gratitude will benefit the giver as much as it will the recipient. Love expressed, increases.

Love does not control another’s destiny nor stifle their identity. We are learning to love openly and generously. Love that is founded on dependency can become toxic. We can suffocate people with our expectations and demands. We can over-protect like a security blanket that smothers people and allows them no freedom to discover life. Love releases people. It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. It is not our responsibility to change people but to give love freely and without strings. We earn the right to give advice. Loving-kindness opens up the door of trust.

We are accepted in the Beloved. The Father has put us into the place of His truest love and utmost affection. He put us into Jesus. He loves us exactly as He loves Jesus, even though we are at this time very different in lots of ways. We are learning to be made in His image. In the process of learning, we are loved as though we have made it! Being in Christ is a paradox. We are in Jesus with all the benefits of being like Him while we are learning to become as He is.

With true love, the process is as good as the end result! God gives love not by measure, but in fullness. Therefore, if we are worthy of love to begin the process, the same love that empowered us to start will compel us to finish. There are no degrees in the love of Heaven. Love is love, God is love, and so are we.

LOVE WITHOUT STRINGS

by Graham Cooke

Sometimes, when we think we love someone, actually what we love most is what he or she gives us. If for any reason that changes, then our relationship could be adjusted to reflect our disappointment or even bewilderment. We are always changed by our experiences of being loved. What makes us mature in loving is when we see our contribution to others as the bigger part of love. We love because we want to be an expression of who Jesus is for us. We love without strings or thought of reward.

Love gives permission to change and support the process. It does not wait on the sidelines until change is complete before it rejoins the relationship. Love is a willingness to share the journey and be part of the story. Life can be a comedy, a tragedy, usually a drama, always an adventure, and unfortunately, occasionally a soap opera. Real love always plays a leading role never a bit part.

We want excitement, not boring predictability, yet we often fail to understand that real love is mostly about how we overcome circumstances, not how we avoid them. Life is unforeseen, unpredictable, and made up of pleasure and pain. To navigate the twists and turns of our journey without using love as a compass and guide, means we will neither discover nor become the relational equivalent of True North. This is the most genuinely true alignment that can exist in the harmony between people.

Love does not accept a negative. It will challenge fear in an appropriate manner. Love stands up for love. The evidence of our lack of love is that we are afraid to be hurt or rejected. That can mean that we relate to people in the present so as to prevent ourselves from being hurt, as we once were in the past. That is dysfunctional and sad. We are governed by a present/past mindset that is protective in a completely wrong way. Perfect love casts out fear. The antidote to fear is to fully understand the power of love.

Love is not about opening yourself up to another. It is choosing to be your real self no matter what occurs. Love is about how we love, not who loves us. "I am what I love, not what loves me." This has become one of the most powerful identity statements that I have ever made. It has produced a freedom that has revolutionized my relationships. Real love cannot be rejected, because it never seeks a return. Love is not an investment. It is the right thing to do. It is a part of our righteousness. That is, it is not just about doing the right thing, but more about being the right person. Be true to yourself and love others.

Baptisms in Albox



Nerja

GOD HAS A PASSION TO TOUCH THE HEARTS OF EVERYONE. THIS IS HIS VISION. HE DESIRES IT TO BECOME OUR MISSION.

Knowing what to do (Knowledge) When to do it (Wisdom) How to do it (Ability) is worthless, without the conviction to actually do it (Conviction)

We must burn with the conviction that advancing "The Kingdom of God" is our calling. OUR REASON TO LIVE.

Blessings Mike and Joan Tomlinson

CONGRATULATIONS to Carlos and Loida on the birth of José Carlos on 16th September weighing in at 3 kgs. Mother and baby are both doing well.



Salobreña

We have heard from Bev and Alan that Beverley is to have a heart operation. Bev and Alan are regular visitors to Salobreña and it was our joy to baptise Alan some years ago. They write:



“Beverley has been proper poorly just lately and it has been discovered that she needs some heart by-pass surgery.

She was thrilled to hear that it will take place, God willing, on 13th October She will probably be in and out in five to seven days. We would value your prayers for her. “

HALF A CENTURY!!!

CONGRATULATIONS to Christine Ransford who celebrates her 50th birthday this month. May God grant you a wonderful Jubilee Year full of His richest blessings.



Chris is part of our Salobreña church and often brings a message for the church there, which is very much appreciated by one and all.

She has been a great blessing to many in the local community with her teaching and translation skills.

PLEASE NOTE:

Sunday 17th October there will be a service up at Rafael and Adriana's place, Sunrise Village, at 11 a.m. with the possibility of food afterwards. All are welcome, if you are unsure of directions please contact Rafa direct.

For those who have not been up there before the views are wonderful and the pool is full! The hospitality is always welcoming.

This is an opportunity to be an encouragement and blessing to Rafa and Dri and hopefully a good witness to any visitors staying there.