

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 April 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)

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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

We know these are the end times and the window of opportunity to share Jesus is getting smaller, but what is God saying to you; how will you use these critical world situations? When Moses went to see Pharaoh his focus was on getting the children of Israel out, but God had another purpose – to demonstrate His superiority over all of the gods of Egypt, when Elisha was surrounded by thousands of enemy troops he asked God to show his servant that this battle was to demonstrate the power of God over all who oppose Him. In every natural crisis there are invisible supernatural strategies of God. Do not panic at stock market crashes, falling bank rates, earthquakes or tsunami's, dreadful as they are, ask God how we may use these situations for the Kingdom of God.

My approach is to ask God for divine appointments each day, I ask to meet those who are ready to hear and respond to the good news. I never force anything nor try to manipulate conversations, because it is no use talking to everyone, my neighbours for example, send a strong signal with locked gates and fierce dogs. But as I live my normal life and go into stores or bars I pray for sensitivity to know exactly who is it that I should share Jesus with. Some days I meet no one, but in the last five days I have had four good gospel conversations, given some literature and two have now responded favourably. My message is simple “God loves you and has a plan for your life, He has a purpose for you and your family and prepared a way to rescue and prosper you – would you like to know more”? You do not need a degree in theology, nor to be a preacher and not even know much Scripture, just let people know God loves them and is concerned for them, many people are hungry for this good news.

Begin by asking God to give you compassion for the unsaved and an urgency to pray; with anticipation of divine appointments. Because of the Japanese crisis I ask, “how many of those people who died do you think were ready to meet God, God loves you and He has a good plan for your life? Then a short testimony if they are responsive. It is not difficult – if you are willing to go, tell God and ask for His help to be sensitive to recognise and obey the voice of the Holy Spirit? If you are willing, God will do the rest.

If you want Scripture use Psalm 46.1, (God is a very present help in trouble) and Romans 3.23, 6.23, and 10.9, write these down and keep them with you. The main ministry for ALL believers to proclaim good news Matthew 28.19/20, but also read Romans 10.14.

Personally, I do not want anyone that I have met to say when they meet God “no one told me”. How about you?

Selah Tony.

Revelation 3:11

Jesus said:

“I am coming soon.

Hold fast what you have,
so that no-one may seize
your crown.”

In these days of uncertainty, trial and tribulation we need constantly to be looking up, awaiting the return of our King.

Pray for a boldness in witness.

Pray for an effectiveness for gathering in the harvest.

And then..... Go get them!

The first Good Friday Jesus' closest friends allowed the unrelenting devastation of reality extinguish all their dreams. The first Easter Sunday, when the women's outrageous reports about Jesus' missing body reached their ears, they hardly dared to believe. They were too conditioned by the irreversible. Only personal appearances by Jesus convinced them that something new, absolutely new, had broken out on earth. When this truth dawned on them, those same men who had run away in terror from Calvary were soon preaching to vast throngs in the streets of Jerusalem. It was not a story they told. There really is no story about the Resurrection in the New Testament. Only in the most disconnected way, it's not described in any full narrative account. Instead, it is simply broadcast as a fact. Christ is risen! The very existence of the New Testament itself declares it. Unless something totally real took place on that most unexpected and confusing of mornings, there would be no New Testament, no Church, no Christianity, no hope of life after death. Christ is risen – risen indeed!

Hola Charity - Michael James School, Kenya



It has been good to hear of the new developments at Michael James School. On their visit to us this time they were able to report that two new classrooms have been able to be finished. The children were also thrilled to be able to have their own desks to sit at.

Mike and Kath are now able to take on a new teacher to start a class for handicapped and mentally handicapped children. As these children are normally abandoned as of no use within the families it is a real witness to the communities that the Christians give them value and purpose. Kath and Mike videoed the children singing “I have decided to follow Jesus” and were able to show the children themselves singing. This totally fascinated them going from nothing to modern technology!

Mike and Kath say a very big thank you to all who continue to support the work there.

However, it is indeed our joy and privilege to be part of this very important work there.

Almuñécar

Halleluia, for the Lord our God, the Almighty reigns.

With so many distressing and tragic events happening worldwide in these last days, Christ’s command to ‘preach the good news to all creation’ takes on even greater urgency, for ‘whoever does not believe will be condemned’.

Praise God for the missionaries and evangelists who have travelled throughout the world preaching the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ, sometimes to thousands at a time.

We too are making a difference here in Spain as we bring the Gospel of salvation to those we meet each day. We may not have gifting or opportunity to reach thousands, but we can all be Jesus’ voice, hands and feet to our neighbours. Every individual is important to our God and He wants no one to be eternally lost. As I seek God’s way forward in Almuñécar, He is showing me the importance of sharing Jesus with as many as will listen and as often as there is opportunity. As more people come to faith in Jesus Christ, a Christian community will be established, and it will be God who does it. Praise Him!

At the time of writing, we are currently awaiting permission to hold a Resurrection Sunday meeting in our town hall square. It will be different from previous years outreach, but we are trusting God for the same favour with the town hall as has been granted in the past.

Please join us in praying that the Name of Jesus Christ will be lifted high and the idolatry of religious tradition be brought down.

Blessings, to you all, Pat Mingorance

Gavin, Judy and family:



Praise God for His goodness, faithfulness and love and thank you to all who were praying for the last outreach up at Rafa and Adriana's. We were blessed with a beautiful day, good food and God's love. Six nations were represented (a little slice of Heaven) and we praised God with music and shared how mightily God worked in the lives of so many on our mission trip to St Lucia. Everything went smoothly, we were all walking in Divine

health and the technical things that were needed to show the pictures went well, but mostly we were able to share the love of Jesus with the invited guests in a wonderful setting.

Jesus is alive and well and testimony is so powerful. It is a joy and an honour to see God at work. We pray that the Lord will continue to work in the lives of those who came and that friendships will develop even further.

We have more outreaches coming up and would value your prayers. Nothing worthwhile is ever accomplished without prayer, so please keep us in your prayers while we go fishing with the Master.



*With every blessing,
Gavin and Judy*

Granada

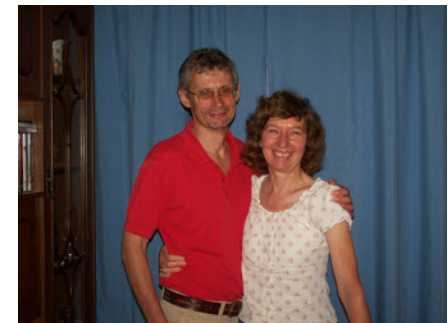
Here in Granada it's been another wet winter and quite cold in February. Now there are the lovely signs of new life with the almond blossom just finishing and buds appearing on the trees.

We've had three months of blessing and testing - testing in that our daughter and son-in-law have had marriage problems but blessing seeing how our Father turns this to good. David has really grown in the Lord during this time but Sarah continues to have problems although we believe that He will turn this too. Please pray for them.

All this seems to be part of His balanced diet to help all those involved to grow more like Jesus! We were struck reading recently from 1 John 3:2 that when Jesus comes back and we see Him, we shall be like Him. Is it seeing Him that changes us? 2 Corinthians 3:18 says that we are now being transformed to be like Him from one level of glory to another as we contemplate the glory of the Lord. This gives a new understanding to Hebrews 12:2, to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. Perhaps this is not only so we can persevere to the end but also so that we can be continually changed. For this reason we hope to spend a week in a retreat centre in Wales in the summer just to soak in His presence.

One of the blessings from having David in Spain for a short while has been him introducing us to two young friends of his who have been coming along from time to time to H₂O meetings for seekers on Sundays. They certainly have challenges in front of them but we have a growing friendship and continue to be available to others who the Lord brings across our path. May His kingdom come!

*With every blessing,
Tim and Mary Slegg*



La Viñuela



Our charity shop continues to raise money for the HOLA charity (the school in Kenya) and The Malaga Children's Home, both of whom have received 550 euros . Our thanks go to Chris Milner ably assisted by her husband Tony and a team of volunteers.

Although we thank the Lord for finances enabling us to bless the children, our primary focus is to reflect God's glory within the community. Our desire is to create a welcoming environment where the Holy Spirit can work through us and within us. To this end we want people coming into the building to feel the Lord's love, comfort, peace and warmth. We were excited that we were approached this week by one of our regulars with prayer requests for two friends - many more Lord please.

As a church we are blessed by different speakers from within FTK who seek the Lord for His message for us at La Viñuela. We as a body have been listening to see the common themes, consequently we have been very excited by how the Lord is speaking to us as individuals and as a church. Recent messages have highlighted the importance of giving and receiving forgiveness. The need to be part of a God reflecting community, emphasizing our need of intimacy with God, as well as the need to be obedient , for purity in living Godly holy lives and for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

With every blessing, Carol Hicks

Mojácar

The book to the Galatians church is referred to the Magna Charta of Christian liberty.

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." Galatians 5:1
As I write we all stand amazed at the global events in the Middle East and North Africa and now the natural disaster unfolding in Japan dwarfs the unrest in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya and more recently Bahrain, our prayers go out for these needy nations.

We are reminded that people will lay down their lives for the sake of freedom as many did in two world wars.

It seems that freedom to choose is very important as we see minority groups being given equal rights by governments.

Yet today we see the church of Jesus Christ under great pressure to conform to the legalistic humanistic philosophies of an atheistic society. Our freedom to practice and live according to the biblical truths is increasingly under threat as we have seen recently through British courts. We have to stand firm on two fronts, the first is for our liberty to practice our faith according to scripture and secondly to maintain our spiritual freedom.

The bible tells us that even the elect can be deceived and there will always be those who want to rob us of our freedom through deceptive doctrine and legalistic methods.

Oswald Chambers wrote: The Spirit of God is always the spirit of liberty; the spirit that is not of God is the spirit of bondage, the spirit of oppression and depression. The Spirit of God convicts vividly and tensely, but He is always the Spirit of liberty. God who made the birds never made birdcages; it is men who make birdcages, and after a while we become cramped and can do nothing but chirp and stand on one leg. When we get out into God's great free life, we discover that that is the way God meant us to live "the glorious liberty of the children of God."

Keep looking up, Pastor David Hamilton

Nerja

Once again this year we are celebrating a messianic Passover Supper for the whole fellowship in Nerja on Thursday, 21st April at 6 pm. If you haven't already booked, you will need to book as soon as possible as we have just about reached capacity. The early Jewish believers in Yeshua (Jesus) the Messiah considered him to be the fulfilment of the Passover lambs that were yearly sacrificed. Thus Paul, a Jewish Christian who had studied under Rabbi Gamaliel, wrote, "Messiah, our pesach, has been sacrificed for us" (1 Corinthians 5:7). John in his gospel noted that Jesus died at the same time that the Passover lambs were being slaughtered in the Temple (see John 19:14) and that like the Passover lambs, none of his bones were broken (the others being crucified had their leg bones broken by the Romans—John 19:32, 33, 36). The scriptures are here teaching that just as the Hebrews were redeemed from Egyptian slavery by sheltering, in faith, under the blood of an unblemished lamb, now all men could, by faith, be freed from slavery to sin by sheltering under the blood of the Messiah, the Lamb of God. The Seder or Passover celebration focuses on this amazing truth and deepens our understanding of the biblical history of our redemption.

The Anglican Church in Nerja have invited us to join them in an informal act of witness on the Balcón on Good Friday at 12 noon. There will be scripture readings, hymns and prayers.

Following on from two fascinating film & tapas evenings there will be another on Friday 29th April when "Dandelion Dust" will be shown at 7.30pm. It is a bit of a tear-jerker telling the story of the fight for custody of a child who has been adopted but whose natural father now wants him back. This follows on from our previous offerings, the true life drama *Bafana Bafana*, which was the story of Nelson Mandela's prison guard and *Man Dancin'*, a hard-hitting drama set in Glasgow's gang land. Do join us for our next film – and bring a friend!

Salobreña

With the run up to Easter Salobreña have started a course entitled "The Easter Experience". This starts with the washing of the disciples and feet and runs through to the Resurrection.

It is a very practical video which allows for discussion at the end of each episode.

The first one brought home the fact that our Saviour and King, He whose hands threw stars into space took on the lowliest of roles as he knelt to wash His disciples feet. This in black and white contrast to the disciples who had just been arguing over which of them was the greatest!

The second thing our attention was drawn to was the fact that Jesus washed all the disciples feet - including Judas, who He knew would betray him.

In our world - so concentrated on "me" culture, here is our counter-culture example of Jesus, the servant King. We are called to follow Him. Not to concentrate upon getting but upon giving. Not to concentrate upon being served ourselves, but about how we can best serve others.

The Passover Supper is coming up on 21st April, we need to know exact numbers so that we can cater accordingly. As it will be held in Nerja perhaps "a car load" can come over together.

Can you spare half an hour on a Saturday? It doesn't take much to keep the church clean now we have a hoover and it would save it being the responsibility of one person all the time if it could be done on a rota basis. Thank you.

Blessings, Chris Thomas