

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 January 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: Tony & Eila Classon (950 064 402)

Almuñécar: **Contact:** Pat Mingrance (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: Colin Lavender (952 115 220),

Albox

When we consider that empty void called the “New Year” we may wonder what blessings and/or problems it holds. TV news portrays anarchy. According to a recent report it now costs more to send someone to prison for a year than to educate a child at Eaton. Perhaps high prison costs are due to the expense of providing specialist drug rehabilitation, counselling, high definition TV and computer games. Has the world gone crazy? Yes - the so called civilised western world is becoming largely ungovernable. 2 Timothy 3.1 states that in the last days men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, without self-control – having a “form of godliness” but denying its power (*my paraphrase*) yes, it’s here folks.

My question is to what extent has this demand for “personal rights” influenced Christians? Is there a growing number of “carnal Christians” who are largely unteachable, that prioritise social agendas and insist on personal comfort and convenience over faithfulness and obedience? I believe so. As the world grows darker we are encouraged to glow more brightly and encourage each other, 1 Thessalonians 5:4-11. My concern is that “nominal” Christians because they do not know the “Word”, nor will they be taught, may progressively accept worldly standards of life in order to be approved. Yes we have to be in the world, but not part of its way of life.

As we enter another “New” year we must ask if we have lost the plot. Are we really born again? Do our lives reflect more of the world than evidence for a changed nature as in 1 Corinthians 5.17. Have we compromised the Word of God for convenience? The world is in a mess, the economy is in meltdown, politicians have no real answers. As those who claim to have had a living, life changing experience with the living God, let the “New” year be different - stand up and be counted. For those who have flirted with the world, determine in the “New year by the grace of God to offer our lives and witness as an effective solution for all situations – the simple Gospel of the Lord Jesus. Come on folks, remember, we are Ambassadors for the King of Kings.

God has given me this verse for the “New” year: Isaiah 43:19, so I remain hopeful, “behold I will do a new thing, I will make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert” (paraphrased)

Blessings, Tony Classon

La Viñuela

The Charity Shop, whose income is dedicated to outside charitable causes, has been more successful than we imagined and we have raised over 600 euros in the four weeks it has been open. It opens on a Friday between 10am and 2pm. which coincides with the local Farmers’ Market which aids in attracting people to our vicinity. Although we mainly serve the expats, encouragingly we have had one or two Spanish ladies visit us, our hope is of course that they will lead others to our door.

Two more clubs are now using our premises, a Bridge club and a Photographic Club and we have had enquires from a Scottish Dancing Group who wish to start dance lessons in January. More opportunities for us to reach out in friendship.



We were delighted to have Kath and Mike Blears with us last Sunday to tell us about their work in Kenya . We found it so inspiring and it engendered in us a desire for a more hands on involvement which might see one or two, or even three or four of us, making the trip to Kenya. The Michael James School is one of the charities we are supporting with the proceeds of the Charity Shop and their visit gave us the opportunity not only to know more about their work and appreciate what the Lord is doing through them, but also to build relationships through correspondence with the children to whom we have sent each a Christmas Card.

Blessings, Colin Lavender

Mojácar

Guidance in times of Uncertainty.

Greetings from Mojácar as we begin this New Year with all its possibilities and potential disappointments. The last few years have been full of uncertainty for a world that has been coming to terms with the fact that it cannot live in the make believe world of debt, hard lessons are being learnt by nations that have made bad financial decisions. As the world has seen a shaking we are reminded to make sure that the decisions we make in this coming year are in line with God's heart and mind.

The apostle Paul wrote the following in Col. 1:9: "For this reason, since the day we heard about you we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to **fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.** And we pray this **in order that** you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God."

Decisions determine our destiny and sometimes we get it wrong but God graciously helps us back on track and I speak from experience. In Proverbs 19:21 it says: "*Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.*"

I hope the following may help us in our decision making in order to do God's will in this coming year.

Four reasons to know God's guidance verse 10

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| 1. Our lives might be worthy of the Lord (how we live) | Phil 1:27 |
| 2. Be fully pleasing to God. | Matt 3:17 |
| 3. Be fruitful in our works (Abiding in Christ) | John 15:5 |
| 4. Be growing in the knowledge of God (Paul's desire) | Phil 3:10 |
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| 1. Faith is the basis on which we begin. | Hebrews 11:1 |
| 2. Maintain a close relationship with God | John 15:15 |
| 3. Be diligent in Gods word | Psalms 11:105 |
| 4. Seek the council of others | Proverbs 19:20 |
| 5. Have a genuine desire to do Gods will | Romans 12:1 |

Every blessing for 2011 Pastor Dave and Pam Hamilton

Almuñécar

Happy New Year to all.

I can't believe another year has flown by so quickly but give thanks to our wonderful and amazing God for a year that was full of blessings. At the beginning of 2010 we closed our Sunday services in Almuñécar in order to visit and minister in other FTK fellowships. During that time we still met together on Thursday evenings and found as the year progressed that we were meeting with God in ever more powerful encounters. God has blessed our obedience abundantly and I am so excited to see what He has in store for us in 2011.

December 14th was the date of our Carols evening in Almuñécar and was a tremendous example of God answering prayer 'above and beyond all we can begin to imagine to ask for'. One of our extended congregation from UK had booked flights especially to come and play keyboard for us but just a couple of days before he was due to be here, had to cancel due to a member of the family becoming seriously ill. My husband, Antonio, began to tremble as I asked how he felt about playing English carols on the guitar and said he would if he had to but hoped we would find someone else – bless him! Obviously we prayed and kept praying for God's solution, which came quite quickly when finding Peter Cackett leading worship at La Viñuela and happy to help us out. Praise God for His solution, which meant I could leave even the leading of the singing to Peter and concentrate on bringing the true message of Christmas to all who came.

There were many people who responded positively and at least two who want to know more when I return from UK at the end of January. Thank you Peter for coming to help at such short notice and thank you Gordon for being willing to come all the way from UK so the people of Almuñécar would have the opportunity to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

God is good – ALL THE TIME!

Blessings, to you all, Pat Mingorance

Visit to St. Lucia in December



We arrived safely and had such favour on our journey, praise God! The island is a mess in the south, many landslides, the bananas are ruined, many have lost their homes and sadly some their lives. The main bridge on the way from the airport is gone and the old bridge is being used. Most people in the North have water now and we have only been without electricity once

since we have been here. The water is not clean enough to drink yet, but at least most people do have water. The Prime minister and the government have done a great job and have fixed all three of the bridges that are required to travel from one end of the island to the other. The roads are in good shape considering, but some are still closed and some of our journeys have literally taken us to the edge! Thank God, He is our Protector!

We took part in a big concert in the capital, Castries which was full to overflowing (several hundred). Probably as many believers as unbelievers, praise God! We were also able to speak and we thank the Lord for this opportunity to share what the Lord put on our heart for the people of St Lucia who were there that night. We were involved in the services up in the north of the island and we will be taking the whole service there on Christmas day.



The children have been witnessing on the beach, they are becoming very bold, praise God!

We had some hair-raising journeys up into the mountains in interesting vehicles... praise God for His protection! There were also several murders around us. One night before an outreach concert we heard what sounded like fireworks.

After the weekend we heard that it was gunfire and that some were injured and one person killed. One night a man was killed in Gros Islet, down in the town beneath, a machete through his skull - where sin abounds, grace does much more abound. We were also asked to speak to the youth, to the girls in the convent school and possibly to the boys in a correctional facility.

With every blessing, Gavin, Judy and Children

Nerja



The occasion of my last visit was to be in Jerusalem for the celebration of the "Feast of Tabernacles" all the festivals are important to all who believe in God our Father in heaven and our Creator.

The God of Abraham, Jacob and Isaac, but it was to Moses to whom those Festivals were given and they are considered to be the Feast of the Lord not just the festivals of the Jews. There are many ways to celebrate it. But God instructed this Festival so that the people would remember how He took them out of Egypt where they were slaves. This was to be a seven day celebration every year for them and for all

the generations to come. So they make temporary shelters (no roofs, but branches) where they spend time as a family, reading the psalms and singing, talking about God and testify of His blessings, eating and celebrating His Name. Also they finish the week of celebrations by doing a March through the main streets of Jerusalem.

The ICEJ. (International Christian Embassy Jerusalem) organizes their special Conference with many speakers, worship teams with dancing and flags shofar sounds etc it is a magnificent display of joy in our God. So many Christians from all the nations come in the thousands every year to Jerusalem to be part of this great display of faith. This year I had the honour of presenting the flag of Spain and walk in the March, also with it through the streets. I wish to encourage you all who have not yet experienced celebrating in Jerusalem to go. You will be blessed as you bless Israel. *Shalom, Nieves Moorhead*

Our sympathy and prayers go to Ken Barrett and his family whose wife Mary went to be with the Lord in December. Ken and Mary have been frequent winter visitors to us in the past years until Mary's health meant they had to stay in England. Ken hopes to return to Nerja this year.

This month sees the visit of David Silver to us from Israel. He will be sharing at a Ladies Day on 22nd January, also at the two home groups. Please make every effort to get to one of these meetings which I know you will all find fascinating. For more details speak to Nieves.

Nerja



Congratulations to Joan Middleton's son, David, who lives in New Zealand. He has received an award in this year's Queen's birthday Honours. It is the NZ equivalent of the OBE, an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM).

He was Chief Executive of the New Zealand Earthquake Commission for seventeen years. The Commission is a Government agency tasked with insuring New Zealand homes against natural disaster damage, supporting research and informing people how they can make their homes safer. The Commission has been in existence since the end of World War II, when it was set up in recognition of the danger that earthquakes and volcanoes posed. New Zealand lies on top of one of the great tectonic plate boundaries of the Earth's crust and is one of the most seismically active places in the world (about the same as California). The danger has, of course, just manifested itself in a serious earthquake that has disrupted the lives of thousands of people in and around the city of Christchurch, in the South Island. David had stepped down from leading the Commission by the time of the earthquake, but the existence of the organisation and its disaster response planning and preparation have been well in evidence.

The citation for the award reads:

David Middleton, of Wellington, received the Insignia of an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to the Earthquake Commission. Mr. Middleton was the Chief Executive of the Commission from 1993 to 2010, one of the longest serving executives in the public service. When he initially became general manager, he instituted and managed the state's residential catastrophe insurance scheme. As Chief Executive he negotiated the Commission's support for the \$80 million GeoNet Project, run in collaboration with the Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences. Mr. Middleton also successfully managed the placement of the Commission's \$1.5 billion investments in international equities.

We rejoice with Joan and David on this happy occasion.

Salobreña

19th December saw, for the first time since we have started the Fellowship of the King, a departure from our usual Carols by Candlelight Service. This year we had a Christingle service which was for, and led by, the children. However, the mince pies were still in evidence and 70 of them were gratefully devoured, thanks to a mammoth bake by Julie. The children took their parts very well and were readily prepared by Chris Ransford.

Kath and Mike Blears, from Nerja, came over to share about the children's school in Kenya and showed a short video. The whole of the offering for that service went to the school to help with the porridge programme.

Although it was so different to normal everyone enjoyed it and at the end of the service no-one wanted to leave and were chatting happily to Kath and Mike and to Jon.

The change over to a morning service has proved very successful and popular with more people able to attend at this time of day.



Continue to pray for Jon, Emma and Joe as they await the birth of their second child this month.

Jon continues to have to work on the house in addition to his other duties with the Fellowship, but it is starting to come up together.

Joe is now attending nursery mornings in Vélez de Benaudalla. So they have a round trip twice a day down and back to their village.

Did you know that JOY stands for Jesus first, Others second, Yourself last?

We wish you all a very Happy and Joy-filled New Year.

Greetings in the name of Jesus, the Christ, the Messiah, the Anointed One.

In October we were at a get together organised and led by Howard and Sue King and their family fellowship. The Lord is gathering us all together for the tremendous move of God that is to come in Spain.

In November we led worship in various congregations and have been blessed by those who are growing in the Lord. We have continued our praise and prayer meetings. We have had an awesome time in the presence of the Lord, seeking His face and His plans. Each evening has been different and the Lord has continued to heal whether we specifically asked for prayer or not. Simply being in His presence has been enough for many to receive healing. In fact Judy had her jaw knocked out of place playing basketball and during the meeting the Lord put it back into place and there was no more pain. Gavin had pain and a problem with his elbow and forearm and was also healed. Others had injuries the Lord healed while they worshipped. This is the God we serve. A loving, healing Heavenly Father who cares about the little aches and pains as well as severe illness or infirmity.

As well as physical healing many have received emotional healing and we have had some tremendous evenings when the joy of the Lord hit us and we laughed from the depths of our soul. The Word of God tells us that the joy of the Lord is our strength and the Lord is strengthening His body (the church) for all that is to come. This kind of laughter is a real blessing from the Lord and is able to reach some places where people have been wounded emotionally. The Lord has also given us many pictures and prophetic words that have encouraged and confirmed what He has been saying to individuals. What a God we serve!

We also had felt that it was time to get back out as a group of believers and share the love of Jesus with the people of Spain and so we started meeting regularly in a Meson in town to eat, pray and talk about the things the Lord has been saying and showing us. The response has been great with people noticing the love we have one for another. Jesus said this is how people will know we are His disciples. It has been important to us to pray together and play together just as the early church did. This requires sacrifice of time and resources and we are indeed reaping the rewards. We are growing closer together and impacting those around. The owners of the Meson thanked us for blessing them.

This makes the Gospel alive to them as the other businesses suffer all around they are getting custom and, of course, now the place is filling up because custom attracts custom. Our desire is to bless as many of the people we come into contact with not just with words, but with actions. God is not about religion, but relationship.

We made new Spanish friends who invited us to take part in a weekend of teaching and worship. People came from all over Spain and we were thrilled to be there with them and to take part. The children really blessed them with their playing, Jordan both drum kit and bongos, Judah with her bass playing - the worship leader was a bass player and he was overjoyed with the size of her little bass and how well she played. The speaker for the weekend was also a musician and was astounded by Judah's playing. He asked her how old she was and marvelled. All glory be to God! And everyone found the twins cute.

We have had many invitations to minister in various parts of Spain in the other churches. We praise God for all the new doors He is opening for us and look forward to 2011.

God bless you all, Gavin, Judy and family



It was a joy and a privilege to share in the second Wedding Reception of Lesley and Michael. The first reception they had in England where they were married but very generously treated us all to another one for all their friends here in Spain. The day was sunny and perfect, the food delicious and the company happy and relaxed. We all wish them a very long and happy life together and

look forward to seeing them back in Spain very soon..