

FELLOWSHIP OF THE KING

We are a charismatic/evangelical community church network seeking, with the help of the Holy Spirit, 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, to be a church which works together to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the King of Kings.

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Newsletter for January/February 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.

Local Leadership: Tony & Eila Classon (950 064 402)

Almuñécar: *Centro Familiar Cristiano, Avda Costa del Sol*

Thursday: Life Groups and Prayer meeting

Almuñécar Local Leadership: Pat Mingorance (958 881 358)

Granada: *Tim & Mary Slegg are in the process of planting in Huetor Vega.*

Contact them on 958 303 863

Mojácar: *Living Water Church - Virgen del Mar Hotel*

Sunday: Family Service 11.00am

Mojácar Local Leadership: Dave & Pam Hamilton (950 618 814)

Nerja: *Pasaje San Miguel; English-speaking church and Iglesia de habla hispana*

Sunday: English Family Service - 10.30am **Wednesday:** Prayer meeting at 11.00am

Domingo: Alabanza y predicación 19.00 **Miercoles:** Reunión de oración 19.00 hrs

Nerja Local Leadership: James & Nieves Moorhead (952 525 352) Derek & Vera

Newing (952 521 426) Jean Parker (952 523 895), Mike & Joan Tomlinson.

Liderazgo de la Iglesia Española: Carlos & Loida Gómez (691 050 832), Guillermo

Blois Neto & Daniel Johnson

Salobreña: *Calle Blas Enfante 39; English-speaking church*

and Iglesia de habla hispana

Sunday: Family Service 5.30pm **Tuesday:** Prayer meeting 10am

Domingo: Alabanza y predicación 12.00hrs **Viernes:** Club de Jovenes 19.00hrs

Salobreña Local Leadership: Jes Allen (958 349 215) Peter & Uschi Hornlein (958

640 974) Julie Pinnegar (677 450 707) Liz Richardson Christine Stuart (958 645 027)

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Viñuela Area: *Beneath Inmobiliaria, Cruce Puente don Manuel, Alcaucín*

Phone for details of location 952 115 220

Sunday: Family Service 11.00am **Wednesday:** Fellowship Group

Viñuela Area Local Leadership: John & Maureen Bamber, Carol Hicks

Colin Lavender (952 115 220), John & Maureen Laycock (952 033 021)

Barry & Freda Young

The news from Albox is that we have added two more couples to the pastoral team who over time will take some of the daily administration and ministry responsibilities. Like other fellowships in the network we have seen several families return to UK and also our finances considerably reduced, even though numbers are down we have been having some anointed meetings and we are holding out for revival - if not by this weekend by the next one. Our mission is to stand firm and to keep on keeping on even when so many events could be discouraging, we are here for those who will soon be saved - so we hang on in there. Economic and social conditions should be causing people to seek God, but many that I speak with are just getting more bitter and angry, so perhaps the situation will need to get much more serious before there is any real turning to God. At the time of writing this we are busily preparing for our main Christmas event when are expecting unsaved people to be with us and we are praying that this year "some" will respond to God. In the world, Christmas can be a phoney season, even now when we visit unsaved family we can get sucked into doom and disaster conversations and have to watch endless trivial TV shows, while we attempt to be more charming than usual and to smile even when friends and family distress us to the point of distraction. Many of my childhood memories of Christmas are of failed expectations, or of family rows, so in general this was not a happy time. I remember when I was newly married (unsaved) and as usual we were expected to go to Mum for the usual family do, that on Boxing Day we were so bored that my young wife and I went to the cinema just to get out. This year Eila and I have decided to break with much of the "traditions" in particular, we will not send cards to people we see often but will attempt to convey the true meaning of Christmas and "have a happy Christmas" nor are we sending parcels to people who have everything already - except to grandchildren, money saved will be going to Christian missions and charities. We can be real with God even if it is sometimes more difficult with people, we do not have to live other peoples lives, God knows us and He understands. Psalm 131 expresses our ambitions "I do not concern myself with great matters nor with things too profound" so are planning a simple uncomplicated Christmas time when we enjoy "being" rather than "doing". By the time this is printed we shall all have enjoyed Christmas (or not) the great thing to remember is when you see such regular tragic economic and violent world events, to first pray of course, but also to rejoice, looking for the soon coming King and Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ".

We have now moved into new premises, a coat of paint has been applied to all the walls, we have a new sign in FTK colours above the doorway, its prominence giving awareness to all who pass by. Other alterations have been made to enable us to use the space not only for meetings but allowing us to serve our Lords purposes in ways that draw us nearer to the communities around us. The activities we offer at present are an Art group on Thursday afternoons, A One Euro Book Store on Friday mornings (which is also the day when the local Farmers Market is held) and a Dance Group on Friday evenings when lessons are offered for all, it's a great way to keep fit whilst enjoying ones self. We have come to an arrangement with Elaine the Pie Lady enabling her to sell her exceedingly good pies on Market days from our premises; this follows the closure of a nearby café she was previously selling from. When Leslie was leading a service here before Christmas he told us that the Lord had given him an understanding that we should develop a charity shop, so we are looking into that possibility. We are encouraged from the unfolding of events that have lead us to where we are and will continue to Trust Him in all that we do, for His provision is perfect.

Colin Lavender

Florida Court Sets Atheist Holy Day

Maybe this isn't true, but it ought to be! In Florida, an atheist created a case against the upcoming Easter & Passover holy days. He hired an attorney to bring a discrimination case against Christians, Jews & observances of their holy days. The argument was....it was unfair that atheists had no such recognized day(s). The case was brought before a judge. After listening to the passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel declaring, "Case dismissed." The lawyer immediately stood objecting to the ruling saying, "Your honour, how can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter & others. The Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur & Hanukkah. Yet my client and all other atheists have no such holidays."

The judge leaned forward in his chair saying, "But you do. Your client, counsel, is woefully ignorant." The lawyer said, "Your Honour, we are unaware of any special observance or holiday for atheists." The judge said. The calendar says April 1st is April Fools Day. Psalm 14:1 states, "The fool says in his heart, there is no God." Thus, it is the opinion of this court, that if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, April 1st is his day. Court is adjourned.

Salobreña

A very Happy New Year to you all, one full of God's blessings and grace.

Our Christmas Carol Service once again saw a full church, and this year with our youngest members leading us in Silent Night, Holy Night. Quite an ordeal when you are little to see such a sea of faces, but they coped very well.

A big thank you to all who helped decorate the church and make the mince pies. We received an email from one family who came saying that whoever made the mince pies and mulled wine deserved a gold star! So if this applies to you, receive it with gladness.

Carlos and Loida held a party night for the Youth Club and distributed the many gifts provided by the various churches, for which they say a big thank you. The twice a month Spanish services they were holding here are small in number but have now become weekly and they are still very encouraged at the opportunities and openings they have here.

In the autumn Carlos applied for a grant from the government to help with the youth work programme as we had received information that such grants were being considered. In the event, the government has provisionally agreed. There are, however, strings attached. Only 60% of the amount asked for has been offered and a new project now has to be submitted. If that is approved 50% will be paid initially and the rest later. Still, praise the Lord for what is on offer!!

Christian

Rafa has told us that the operation went very well and that Christian is making good progress. He is still in intensive care but should be on a normal ward by the weekend and hopefully will be discharged by the end of next week. Praise the Lord!! The family will remain in Madrid a short while with Rafa's father before returning to Almuñécar around the end of the month.

The men continue to meet once a month for prayer, fellowship and breakfast. Don't think it works in quite that order but they do seem to be enjoying their times together!

Blessings

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Chris Thomas

Almuñécar

Welcome to 2010. What a fantastic end to 2009 with several presentations of Judy's and Gavin's 'Navidad Familiar' happening in different parts of the town as well as a really great evening of Carols, Mince Pies and Mulled Wine which was very well attended considering how much rain there had been. Our God is a great big God; even the wind and waves (and rain) obey Him, and we enjoyed the first dry afternoon for some days leading up to the evening of celebration. Our prayer is that all who heard the challenge in the message of Christmas will come to know the truth in Christ. It was also good to meet up with and welcome old friends who were visiting for the holidays.

As we go into the New Year, we face quite a few changes and challenges of our own here in Almuñécar. From the end of January we will be closing Sunday morning services for a while, concentrating on our Thursday evening meetings and evangelistic outreach. I have been seeking God for some time regarding the way forward and He seems to have said quite clearly, and in various ways to different people, that we are in a time of transition having been for some while in a time of preparation. We don't know exactly how God will be working His purposes out during this time but we are excited to be moving with Him as we hear His voice say 'This is the way; walk in it' (Isaiah 30:21). Watch this space!

Antonio and I will be in England visiting our girls and grandchildren for the first two weeks in January. I will still be contactable on my mobile, however.

Blessings and Happy New Year to all from

Patricia Mingorance.

Mojácar

I've never been much good at New Year resolutions. I guess I got fed up feeling guilty and thinking what a failure I was every time I gave up on them.

I came to understand that the idea of working at being a better person was to be applied every day 365 days a year and not just the first two weeks in January. As Christians we know that the Holy Spirit is actively involved with us in this life long process. Failure for the Christian motivates us to a greater dependency on God's provision for our lives.

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Mojácar continued

“For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.” Romans 12:3

Most resolutions are made with the interest of the individual but for the Christian the essence of life is that we must die to our self centeredness, and depending on Gods grace seek to be more effective witnesses for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honour one another above yourselves.”

We are walking, living testimonies of Gods message to a greedy and selfish world. Paul exhorts the Romans too: *“Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”*

The evidence of lives that are changed is lives that have gone via the cross, beyond self to become a ministry to others. This ministry begins in the household of God and overflows into the community.

“Share with God’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.”

This is God’s Glory that we nurture humility; treat one another as equals with interdependency within the body of Christ. To serve each other and be encouragers. To be generous givers, showing mercy with cheerful hearts.

Loving one another and living in harmony.

“Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.” Romans 12:16

“The world needs Jesus” let our new year prayer be, **“Let the world see Jesus in us”**

Happy New Year

Dave & Pam Hamilton

Nerja

It was with great sadness that after sending out the last bulletin requesting prayer for Sheila, that she passed away to be with her Lord. Her funeral was well attended which showed the love and high regard that she was held in. Our prayers and deep sympathy go to John, Vera and Derek and the whole family.

Housegroups are to resume Tuesday afternoons at Vera & Derek’s in Maro and Wednesday evenings at Nieves & James.

The Lord told us at the Wednesday prayer meeting - “give me your flesh and I will give you my Spirit”.

This reinforces the ministry that we have received on Sundays, so far in January - how God wants us to be available for Him each day; to get to know Him better, to willingly walk with Him, to trust Him for His Holy Spirit’s anointing, to give us the necessary tools to do the work He’s planned, specifically for each one of us, to live in God’s strength and for His glory and to recommit ourselves to turn up for His service each morning.

We were also encouraged by a picture of an explosion of seed being sown, like when the Busy Lizzy seed pod explodes and that the sunshine of God’s Love will cause this to germinate and root.

Mike and Kath Blears gave us an update on the school that the Lord has opened the door for them to build in Kenya. Originally they had thought an orphanage was needed, but discussion with the local authorities and residents have caused them to fall in line with God’s plans. Initially they had had problems and doors closed, now the project is unfolding as He directs. They are due to open, in late January 2010, the school with two Kindergarten classes. They have pledged, in faith, to provide for each pupil, books, uniforms and one square meal a day. They had far too many children queuing for the 60 places - offer, so are trusting the Lord to provide for expansion into more senior classes in the future. Maureen Outram’s Scottish home church is already beginning to raise funds for this project. God’s plans and purposes are awesome.

God wants to bless Spain, the land He has planted us in, but also through us “The Nations” (as He promised Abram in Genesis 12 v 3 & Galatians v 8 “all nations will be blessed through you”).

Mike & I feel the Lord’s calling to join the Mattersey students, in March, to The African School of Mission. We value your prayers in his venture and trust that we will go with your blessing and be a blessing to them.

Blessings from

Mike and Joan Tomlinson 5