

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, 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 March 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: *Calle Blas Enfante 39.*

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

Contact: Jes Allen (958 349 215)

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

Has this been a difficult winter, physically, emotionally or spiritually? Was there discouragement and confusion? My sensing is that we all need a reassuring cuddle of encouragement and hope for better things in our personal lives and for the work of God. Faith is a muscle that needs exercise or it becomes weak and flabby. For many of us exercise is not a top priority, but I believe in the “use it or lose it” school of thought, so we aim to walk briskly for 30 to 40 minutes each day; spiritually the message is the same; like the psalmist David we encourage ourselves in the Lord and His word.

*Faith, the confident expectation of things not seen, Romans 10.10, Hebrews 11.1 comes (will come) by speaking, hearing, digesting and anticipating the arrival of the promises of God. To avoid being overwhelmed by world events and the busyness of life do not forget who you are in Christ and what He has promised. Faith comes (will come not may come) by the hearing and declaring of what God has said, speaking this expectantly and anticipating the manifestation of what you need. Despite all the apparently contradiction of natural evidence, stand and declare what God has said, visualise the arrival of whatever you are claiming *provided this is in the word of God and it fits His gestation period for you (*timing is crucial). Do not misunderstand me, we are not talking “new age” but Eila and I have successfully claimed specific amounts of money needed in a crisis, sold houses that would not sell and bought cars with money we did not currently have.*

However, we must always first know the will of God, to hear Him clearly and then to have this confirmed in His word and by circumstances or through other people, then we are in faith *not* presumption. We never pray for God to supply wants but only for needs, often for healing or financial provision for others. Faith requires action, we walk in faith, taking the first steps before the second or third steps appear, but always based upon His word and willing to accept whatever outcome results, by trusting in God. Like the spiritual giants of the Bible we call on God, we visualise and expect results but willing to accept delay or to wait. God is not a man that He would lie, He will not give a serpent if we ask for food, we can trust Him. If you do not know the word of God this is the priority, by knowing the word we will discover the nature and character of God and build believing faith that anticipates His provision. In whatever circumstances you find yourself, be encouraged, seek for and retain the peace of God, be willing to learn how to be more loving and supportive of others, but in everything give thanks.

Blessings, Tony Classon.

La Viñuela

Our aim of developing our building so that it becomes a centre for social activities (and therefore outreach) continues to develop and in addition to the Art group, the Dance group, the Book Store and Elaine the Pie Lady we are adding Spanish Lessons as from the first of March and have had an approach from another outside group.



Last Saturday we held a social event which attracted some 40 people who were not church members, entertainment was generously provided by John and Keith two local guitarists who played and sang the songs of our youth. The food (boy was it good!) was provided by the ladies and at least one man of the La Viñuela congregation. It was a well received event with many of our visitors commenting

favourably and supporting the idea of more of the same. As this was our first attempt at such an event it was both gratifying and encouraging that it was so well received. We have received so much support in all that we do, from Irene who runs the Maroma Estates from whom we rent our building, she even provided a wonderful Chicken casserole and the table decorations out of the generosity of her heart *We give thanks to the Lord, for He is good and His love endures for ever.* (1Cor 16v34)

Love & blessings

Colin Lavender

It's that time of year again! Don't forget that the clocks go forward an hour during the wee small hours of Sunday morning, 28th March. If you arrive an hour late for the meeting that day we'll know you don't read your newsletter!!!!



Nerja

Praise God for His Healing Touch. On 7th February Pat Mingorance was preaching in Nerja. After the service Kathy encouraged Mae Doris to ask Pat to pray for her for healing. Mae Doris had had one hip operation but both hips were feeling sore. Pat prayed for her and both hips were healed! Hallelujah! How great is our God!

If you have a testimony of God working in your life in a special way, why not give God the glory and encourage us all by sharing it with us. Contact Chris Thomas to enable it to be put in the bulletin.

Salobreña

Thank you for all your prayers for Cristian he is now back at home and running around as though nothing had happened! Now pray for his parents as they try to keep up with him!



On 16th February Dri gave birth to a daughter, Elisa who weighed in at 3.69kg. All our congratulations to Rafa and Dri on God's precious gift.

Continue to pray for them both as they work hard on finishing their huge faith project "El Poblado del Amanecer". The wet weather has not helped, but do encourage them by booking a stay - especially as they are still offering pre-opening vouchers at a discount. Visit their website <http://www.elpobladodelamanecer.es/>

Congratulations also go to our very good friends Iain and Pat Anderson who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on St. Valentine's Day! They celebrated by taking Bibles to Cuba.

We look forward to seeing them with us again in Spain soon.



Almuñécar

"How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows His blessing, even life for evermore." Psalm 133

As we, the congregation of Almuñécar, have started to attend other FTK Sunday services we are realising how diverse these different meetings are. It would be easy for all of us to come to think we are the only face of FTK, yet there are many faces, expressions of the Church within the group of congregations known as Fellowship of The King. I still haven't been able to attend them all but hope to do so in the coming months. It is exciting to see these different expressions of Church and we hope that those we visit will appreciate our being different also. I have come to see that how we 'do church' isn't as important to God as the heart attitude with which we come together; sharing with one another, ministering to each other with the gifts God has given us, and serving Him through our praise and worship in a spirit of unity in Christ as we pursue an ever increasingly deeper relationship with the Father through the Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit at work within, and around, us. God is preparing His Church to rule and reign with Christ on the new Earth of eternity through our experiences, knowledge and relationship with Him and with the rest of His family. Unity of purpose is vital if we want to see the mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit bringing His purposes to fulfilment. A kingdom that is divided will fall - division among His people isn't part of God's plan; discord is an 'act of the sinful nature'. We can have our differences of expression and still be united by the Truth (who is Christ) as found in the Word of God and revealed to us by the Spirit.

To help us encounter God more deeply, we are putting together a weekend for the Ladies of all FTK congregations to come together and in unity seek His presence. We will be staying at El Poblado del Amanecer from early evening on Friday May 7th until late afternoon on Saturday May 8th with meals and overnight accommodation as part of our time with each other and, more importantly, with God. You can contact me for more information and I would very much appreciate you letting me know asap if you are coming in order to book rooms/meals. Please don't just dismiss this opportunity but prayerfully consider what God is saying to us as His family here, in the south of Spain. Lack of finance won't be a problem as we are just asking for donations towards costs, depending on individual situations.

Blessings to all, Patricia Mingorance. 3

Granada

Over Christmas and the New Year we distributed 75 Vida calendars to the families of all our English students and to neighbours, friends and contacts in Huétor Vega and the entrance to Granada city. These calendars have a picture with a Bible verse for every month which can be later used as a postcard. On the back, there is a monthly step-by-step presentation of the Gospel. We prayed that as God's word does not return to him void, that every calendar would be used by someone in the home, and were encouraged by the way many received this small gift. Several neighbours invited us in for a drink and a chat. So we continue sowing and building friendships among the Spanish, waiting for the Lord of the harvest to blow with His Spirit so that folks enter the Kingdom. In the meantime, we are grateful for the things the Lord has been doing in the lives of our young adult children, sometimes in the midst of quite a lot of pain.

We have also had contact for some years with other pastors and missionaries in Granada province and have been a little involved with an organisation called España Intercede which arranges bi-annual times of intercession in different parts of Spain, praying for the nation and also for the city and province hosting them. There is a desire to come to Granada and so this is being considered for the last half of April. Normally, the meetings are held from Thursday to Saturday, but you can come for a day or an evening if that's all the time you have available. Is it possible to spend a whole day praying? Yes, it is! How? The day is divided into periods, each with specific topics introduced by a leader, who may share something from the word. Each period is introduced by worship, which can also break out during the prayer times. The Lord directs the praying as He desires, with everyone free to participate. There's often a sense of the presence of God and we eat together, forming new friendships. Although the meetings will probably be largely in Spanish, some of the leaders speak fluent English, and it would be perfectly possible to pray in English. Granada city and province are spiritually very significant with noticeable strongholds and meeting together in unity to seek God and pray could change some things in the heavenlies. Watch this space and we'll keep you informed of developments.

Tim & Mary

Mojácar

I received this communiqué from Ian Watson who is a Pastor at Bolton and a leader within the Assemblies of God. I share this with you, he wrote the following:

“At the age of 57, I am constantly challenged about the remainder of my life. The part which has gone and is totally irreplaceable, I have tried to use it in serving God and people and have certainly felt privileged to be able to do so. However, because I have been quite driven by the quote I used in my previous communiqué, **‘When your memories exceed your dreams the end is near,’** I am determined the time I have left must deliberately be put to wise and efficient use. Most events in life have a known time span, for instance:

The working day – For many people 12 noon is half time, they know they only have till 4 or 5 pm and then are going home.

A football match – The players and supporters know that at half time there are only 45 minutes to go; even time added on is clearly identified by the fourth official.

Of course, I could give many more examples of this principle. However, this concept does break down with our own lives. The fact is none of us know when we have reached half time. The startling fact is that someone at the age of 30 might have reached half time at the age of 16, so, unbeknown to them, the end is near.

*Because none of us know when we have reached half time, we obviously don't know when our own personal full time whistle will blow. This is probably one of the reasons the bible encourages us to **‘make the most of every opportunity.’***

When I read this I was reminded of how important we use our time here on earth, we are here to be workers in the harvest field and I take encouragement from the following scripture. *Joel 2:28* "And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Praise God for the Holy Spirit who continues to help us in the second half of our life to keep dreaming dreams of seeing His Kingdom come on earth.

Keep Looking up Pastor David Hamilton₉

El Poblado del Amanecer

CHRISTIAN HOLIDAY AND RETREAT CENTRE

Greetings from El Poblado Del Amanecer! (Sunrise Village) We would like to introduce you to our new Christian Holiday and Retreat Centre offering bungalows and bunk accommodation along with a gorgeous swimming pool and a scenic environment for hiking and outdoor recreation.

The centre is surrounded by the hills and valleys of an unspoiled rural location just 20-minutes' drive from Spain's Costa Tropical due south of Granada on the Mediterranean coast close to the town of Almúñecar and about an hour's drive from the airports at Málaga and Granada. We offer stunning views of the sea. Enjoy them from our restaurant or roof terrace. For your convenience, there is also a little shop. The beaches are within reach and there are companies offering diving and horse stables are easily accessible.

We are developing programs to match every taste involving ministry, teaching, language classes, activity programs. The possibilities are endless, and we are excited about this and the services we can provide.



This is a private development not supported by any ministry or organization. To know more about our christian background see The Fellowship of the King or Amistad Cristiana ministries.

In the hopes that we can support each other and partner together, we would like to inform you about our special, limited night vouchers that will help us become acquainted and that will be on sale from now until March 2010.

Vouchers are sold for a minimum of a two night stay per person with savings as high as 30%. Vouchers are good for 18 months from the date issued and accepted for any season and type of accommodation (subject to availability). Breakfast and taxes are included. When booking state the number of persons and nights desired.

We also offer a Resident's membership, supplying further reductions within our shop and restaurant. Free stays can be received after so many nights stayed.

We look forward to serving individuals, families and groups, whatever your needs are, and we are confident you will enjoy your stay with us. So, we welcome you to buy your vouchers today for greatly reduced costs, and book with us when you are ready to travel!

If you wish to cooperate with us this is the time to do it.

Embodying our Faith

For many years I have believed that the Lord has called His church to embody our faith. In theological jargon we are to be incarnational Christians. "Incarnation" is Latin for "in the flesh" and just as Jesus came to Earth as "God in the flesh" so are we, his followers, to flesh out what it really means to be a Christian. I was so pleased to come across a recent book that develops this theme that I want to include here a brief summary of it. Entitled "Embodying Our Faith: Becoming a Living, Sharing, Practicing Church" it was written by Tim Morey, and was recently published by IVP Books. Don't take my word for it though - buy it!

In summary, the author writes that God wants our congregations to do much more than just come to church, and to focus on far more than just how they can benefit from what the church has to offer. His people are to be the church toward a world in desperate need of its message - growing more like Jesus and doing their part to carry out His mission. In our day and age what lost people need is to see faith embodied in the lives of those who believe. That's how they'll best discover that the Gospel is true.

Here's how each one of us can learn to better embody faith:

***Be a contributor instead of a consumer.** Don't approach your faith with the goal of simply seeing how much you can personally gain from it; be willing to make the sacrifices Jesus calls you to make so you can contribute to the world through your faith. Don't reduce the church to just a vendor of religious services; view it as a missionary community called to spread the Gospel's message in the world. Rather than thinking of church as just a place to enjoy music and uplifting messages while making friends, think of it from God's perspective - as a place to learn how to become more like Jesus and serve others in need to fulfil His purposes. Pray for the ability to shift your focus from inward to outward. Ask God to help you discover, develop, and use the talents He has given you to help make the world a better place. Be alert to the opportunities He places in your path, and be willing to respond to them.*

Become a missionary to your culture. Study the culture that God has placed you in so you can learn how to communicate the Gospel message in the way that people in your time and place will best understand. Stay current on what messages the media (Internet, films, music, TV, etc.)

is presenting, and think critically about how those messages reflect attitudes in your culture. Consider what questions people are asking about life and faith through the culture, and how you can point them toward biblical truth in ways they can relate to well. Remember to approach people as they actually are right now, not as you wish they were. Keep in mind that many people today aren't familiar with what the Bible says and don't view it as an authoritative source. You may need to help them notice how God is showing up in popular culture before encouraging them to read the Bible. When you do present the Gospel message, communicate it in a context suited for the time and place in which you minister to people.

Let people see a faith that's experiential. Ask yourself whether your church's worship services convey a sense of the transcendent reality of God. Give people plenty of opportunities to encounter God's power and beauty through worship practices like songs, prophecy, Communion, teaching and proclaiming God's Word, art, and personal storytelling. When visitors witness God meeting people through sincere and passionate worship experiences, they can see the Gospel's truth in action. So show people what it looks like to praise God and invite Him to help you grow to become more like Jesus in the process.

Let people see a faith that's communal. Ask yourself if your church congregation manifests love for one another in such a way that it's an appealing community to people on the outside. People will more readily accept the Gospel's message when they see it embodied in a community of Christians - not just a lone individual. Commit to being shaped into Jesus' image through your relationships in your church community. Participate regularly in worship. Join a small group. Express your love for each other through kind and encouraging words and actions. Forgive each other when you each make mistakes, and reconcile your relationships. Serve the world together. Invite your non-Christian friends to serve alongside you so they can see God's love at work up close. Evangelise through personal relationships. Rather than just inviting people to events at your church, invite them fully into your life. Have them over to your home for meals, pursue common interests together (art, food, cinema etc), and talk about all aspects of your life so they'll see how God is at work throughout your life, not just when you go to church. When your non-Christian friends do come to visit your church, let them see how deeply you and those in your

congregation are connected to one another because of how you participate in God's work together.

Let people see a faith that's enacted. Ask yourself if people can see God's purposes enacted in your life as you follow His call to go into the world and serve. Follow God's call into ministry projects of compassion and justice. That may mean volunteering at your local hospice or rehab centre, delivering clothes and meals to homeless people, watching a single mother's kids so she can get a break, doing the garden for elderly neighbours, giving blood regularly or helping someone who needs a transplant - whatever God leads you to do. When you enact your faith through service, you show people what Jesus' love looks like in a tangible form. Rather than just saying prayers for people in need, be willing to be the answer to those prayers if God calls you to help. Then those who are watching will know that God is real because they'll see the reality of His love working through you.

Move beyond evangelism to discipleship. Don't stop at helping people find salvation. Encourage them to grow to become more like Jesus, as well. Help them mature in their faith. Introduce them to spiritual disciplines such as meditation, prayer, fasting, Bible study, simplicity, and solitude. Challenge them to consider how much more they're able to love God and other people every day through the ordinary decisions they make. Listen carefully to their thoughts and feelings. Be authentic and humble with them. Tell them stories of how God is working in your life and ask them to share what they notice about His work in their lives. Don't shy away from God's mystery and transcendence; capture their imaginations as well as their intellects. Encourage people to much more than just trust Jesus to get them to heaven. Invite them to participate in God's world-changing mission.

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