

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 October 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: Rod Southwood (950 064 108)

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, Calle de Zurbaran*

Sunday: Family Service 11.00am

Contact: Dave & Pam Hamilton (950 618 814)

Nerja: *Pasaje San Miguel.*

Sunday: English Service - 10.30am **Wednesday:** Prayer meeting 11.30am

Contact: James & Nieves Moorhead (952 525 352)

Iglesia Española: C/ Doctor Ferrán. Edificio Vélez Málaga. Local 4-b.

Contact: Carlos & Loida Gómez (691 050 832)

Domingo: Alabanza y predicación 19.30 **Jueves:** Reunión de oración

Salobreña: *Avenida Mediterraneo 31*

Sunday: Family Service - 10.00am **Tuesday:** Prayer meeting 9.30am

Iglesia Española: Domingo: Alabanza y predicación 12.00

Contact: Jon & Emma Jarratt (635 358 808)

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

Each month I attempt to bring a word of encouragement from Albox, sometimes as a word of prophetic insight. I do this because frequently little of great significance is happening here that could not equally reflect other Christian groups in the network. We are a small congregation of about twenty people and occasionally only 15, which in UK terms would be an average sized house group. On a good day with the wind behind us we might have 25 or even 30 and exceptionally for a big event like Christmas we have had 70. I say this, because the word of God tells us, not to despise the days of small beginnings, we may not be influencing thousands but we are sustaining some, we are here as a lighthouse for others to come into when storms begin to arise, also we encourage our folk to use the time we have left wisely as witnesses by word and lifestyle as we have opportunity. "Therefore brethren stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught whether by word or our epistle" *2 Thessalonians 2.15.*

We have been having some really great meetings and blessed by both local and regional speakers, but we have yet to have the breakthrough we anticipate. These are the last days when unbelief will increase, when we are told to "preach the word in season and out of season, convince, rebuke, and exhort with all long suffering", 2 Timothy 4.3, Looking back over eight years we were recently able to name 67 people who were once part of this fellowship but who moved on, many were not meant to be here but others could have (and perhaps should have) stayed to strengthen and equip us to be much more effective. You may ask, "have we ever been discouraged or disappointed" yes of course we have, many times, but if like us you are not seeing those green shoots yet, be encouraged, because I am certain that the harvest is coming, Psalm 126.5/6. Also let us remember that God values faithfulness and obedience, especially when there seems to be so little fruit. I see the prophetic fulfilment daily on TV of many end times prophecies, the rise of violence, wars, famine etc, with the world economy getting more out of control and in particular increasing Middle East unrest with a stranglehold tightening around the land of Israel. But, these are not days to lose heart, but rather days when we are to be "looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ" Titus 2.13. This message is intended to encourage us all to keep sowing the seed of the word of God, faithfully watering with prayer, comforting and strengthening the weak, but above all anticipating the harvest at the God appointed time (not by our human strategies).

Selah, Tony

Salobreña

For the outreach in Salobreña area, the church was joined in July by Ant, Sarah and Kieran, - a team of worship musicians and youth ministers from the UK. On arriving, the lead guitarist discovered that his guitar had been broken on the journey, but this was quickly solved by Antonio Mingorance (Pat's husband and flamenco guitar maker!).

Saturday morning was a chance for church and team to meet and pray towards the coming days. We went out to pray in areas where outreach was planned to take place, asking the Lord to go ahead of us. In the early evening we hit the beach with guitars for a time of worship and the chance to talk about Jesus with young people who had been sunbathing nearby. They enjoyed the music, and some were intrigued enough by the words too for us to start conversations about who God is, and why we want to express worship to him. It was good to be joined by some guys from a church in Motril.



On Sunday, it was off to the park for a coffee in the bar and picnic with invited friends. Later, we held a 'mini olympics' for families, with the tug of war being a novel attraction for Spanish families! At 8pm we set up near to the bar and as the band played people began to gather. There were about 100 people sitting at tables and around on the fountain and benches. As we worshipped, the majority of people seemed to be enjoying the music and listening to the lyrics, some of which were translated into Spanish. One particular lady was amazed that these were songs to God, and was touched by the sentiments of love and praise towards him.

Several important conversations were had with those watching and we now have good relationships with the bar staff. We've been invited to do future music events whenever we want. In addition, several local families are now aware that we exist as church and they and their children are welcome to join us.

Every blessing Jon and Emma Jarratt

Nerja

“Prayer for Spain.” “Oración 365”

A big “Thank you” to all who have joined this campaign of prayer.

This initiative comes from the “Mesa Coordinadora de Oración” of the Evangelical Church of Spain. They recognized the need to cover the whole of Spain in prayer. This was in 2009. They have agreed to cover the 24 hours of every day of the year in prayer. A great undertaking! Each church who wants to be part of this campaign, must commit to one day every month, starting at 0:00h and ending at 24:00h.

We joined in July this year. They received our request to join with great joy, they keep us informed every month of the good things that are happening around the country and they welcome our feedback and news. Keep in your heart the need for Revival in Spain and for the Gospel to be understood and believed!

I am delighted to belong to this initiative for it fits so well with God’s word. As a command to us which is: “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem” Psalm 122:6, and pray and for the city, (country) where the Lord has sent you: Jeremiah 29:7

I am convinced that God has brought most of us here for the task to cover Spain with prayer, “for such a time as this” I thank you all!



Blessings from Nieves Moorhead

Almuñécar

“The Lord shall fight for you, and you shall hold your peace” (Exodus 14:14)

I seem to have adopted the above verse. It is so pertinent for the times in which we live as believers come under more and more attack from the enemy. The presence of God in our lives, however, means that we fight every battle from a place of victory. This is important to remember as we pray for our towns and reach out with the Gospel of God’s love and blessing, as demonstrated through Jesus’ life, death and resurrection, to those who do not know it is for them.

Everywhere we go we meet people with problems, heartache, health issues, relationship difficulties, grief, etc, struggling to get through and often feeling overwhelmed with their situations. If only they could know the truth of the verse quoted above. If only they could know that God will make a way where there seems to be no way, and that He will show them the way if they would ask Him and trust Him with all of it. How will they know unless those of us who do know tell them? How will they be able to receive such good news unless we pray for them, (as well as their situations), so that their hearts will be softened towards the Saviour? I so long to see the same number of people coming together to praise and worship God as go out of their way to watch a favourite sports event or musical artist in concert. Only God can change hearts but we are called to pray for them. As I wait for God’s leading regarding a regular meeting of believers here in Almuñécar, I believe we are to step up the prayer for individuals that we already know as well as the people we pass, and may come to know, each day. When we don’t know what to pray, the Holy Spirit will guide our praying; the important thing is to pray.

We are continuing with breakfast Church once a month, still asking the Lord to show us ‘what next’. Please pray we will hear clearly. God is also strengthening our links with the Spanish Church and we are excited at what is possible if all believers come together in unity.

Blessings to all from Patricia Mingorance

Granada

During 3 weeks back in the UK, mostly spent catching up with the family, we were very privileged to spend a week at Ffald-y-Brenin, a retreat centre and house of prayer situated in the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park in west Wales. This place has become well known from the book “The Grace Outpouring” and for the sense of the presence of God – in fact having left the motorway and main roads and approaching along narrow country lanes, Tim became aware of this presence some 20 minutes before arriving!

Ffald-y-Brenin is beautifully situated on a hillside overlooking a wooded valley with a mountain in front and moors behind – so an excellent spot to get away from it all and spend time with the Lord. The converted farm buildings have lots of character with rooms simply furnished rather like monk’s cells and some common areas – all surrounded by lovely gardens with many scattered seats where you can relax and meditate. There are optional simple and short chapel services four times a day, the rest of your time being free. The weather is probably very varied.

The highlights for us were to have some space away from the pressures of daily life, just the two of us (although there were other guests!). We spent about half of each day with the Lord and usually the other half walking. It was probably the most relaxing holiday we’ve ever had! We were able to have a personal chat with the director, Roy Godwin, deal with some personal pain, review our lifestyles in Spain, agree to make some changes (which, praise God, we’re beginning to put into practice) and above all be with Jesus. His presence is especially felt in the chapel, and near a cross on a promontory. On two occasions there was a perfume in the chapel but we were unable to trace the origin – it didn’t seem to come from anything there.

*We’ve come back to Spain feeling different. There are still family and ministry issues, but we’re responding differently. We’ve found this extract from Matthew 11:28-30 (The Message) on a wall at Ffald-y-Brenin very helpful:
“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Get away with Me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with Me and work with Me. Watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace”*

May the Lord bless you all,

Tim and Mary

Gavin and Judy

Praise God for Leslie and Chris as they have encouraged us to step out and extend tent pegs. We are now ministering more and more in Spanish, English and bi-lingual churches throughout Andalucia. Reaching the lost and assisting the local church has always been on our hearts and we are thankful to Leslie and Chris for their Kingdom-mindedness. Thank you to all who pray for us, praise God, He is giving us more favour with key people. More doors are being opened and opportunities to point people to Jesus are coming our way. Hallelujah! After meetings with the manager of the tourist office and the Head of Culture we will be doing much more not only in Almuñécar, but also La Herradura. They were so thrilled with the gospel concerts that they’re planning ahead with us in mind. The Manager of the tourist office said that many people came in to say how much they enjoyed the gospel concerts, he and his staff also enjoyed them very much and said he will make sure we have all the seating we need next time. He also asked if we were the family that performed in the town hall square a couple of years ago at Christmas time. Praise God for bringing that back to his remembrance. He said he was passing through the square and we caught his attention. This memory caused him to be keen for us to do things around the town inside and out over Christmas as well as other times of the year. God is so good. Even though we were going to meet with the Head of Culture, he said he would also be meeting with her to tell her how well received the gospel concerts were. She now sees us as an important part of the cultural fabric. She sees us as an asset to this town and also La Herradura, praise God! She is planning where and when to give us opportunities over Christmas in both towns and has already invited us to various events and meetings.

Wisdom calls aloud in the street, she raises her voice in the public squares; at the head of the noisy streets she cries out, in the gateways of the city she makes her speech. Please continue to pray for us to bring glory to God as we share the truth of His Word and the Lord Jesus Christ in the market place.

With love, God bless you,

Gavin, Judy and family

La Viñuela

Our Lord is blessing La Viñuela by bringing new like-minded Christian brothers and sisters to us. One family (Dad, Mum and two daughters) joined us two weeks ago in our Sunday morning Praise and Worship, and they were overwhelmed by the love they felt, blessed by the praise and worship and fed by the Word. They said they couldn't join us each week as they live an hours journey away. However, they joined us again the following week and have asked if we could meet up with them for a chat and this has been arranged.

We believe the Lord is using our building as a Lighthouse in this dark world, and through the various activities we are becoming friends with the people who pop in. We feel "seeds" are being planted.



Congratulations to Chris and Tony Milner who have just returned from the UK after celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

Keeping strong in the Lord, prayerful and repentant, and as Our Father has blessed us with so many gifts, we are using these for His Glory.

God Bless, Maureen Bamber

Mojácar

Recently I was looking through one of our local papers and came across an article that gave 10 points for living the good life, I didn't agree with them all but it did start me thinking.

The first point was give yourself permission to claim your life. But we know that real freedom for our lives is found in Christ, because the truth the bible tells us has set us free. Christ has set us free to be the man or women he created you to be. Romans 12:2 says: "*Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the **renewing** of your mind.*"

Bob Dylan wrote: "You're gonna have to serve somebody". So who's in charge of your life?

*"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and **Money**."* Matthew 6:24

Paul explains it this way. "*No, I beat **my body** and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.*" 1 Corinthians 9:27

Paul is saying I do not allow my physical desires and needs to dictate to my life. What a challenge for us.

Eternal life requires obedience to God's will. *Jesus said "I only do what the Father tells me"*

*(Matthew 10:39) Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever **loses his life** for my sake will find it.*

The challenge is to claim your life in Christ and let go and live by faith in the giver of life. Ultimately our life does not belong to us and submitting our life to Jesus releases life in its fullness.

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The second point was define what living means to you. In other words what words would define your life.

Is it about self? Have I been just building my own kingdom? What have I done with the gifts that God has given me? We perhaps could ask “If being a Christian defines my life then we must ask what is the evidence of it? Consider Paul’s example: 2 Tim. 4:7 “*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the **race**, I have kept the faith.*”

Ultimately our life is defined by our relationship with Christ Jesus our Saviour and Lord.

*“For in Christ all the **fullness** of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given **fullness** in Christ.” (Col 2:9)*

*“**I have come** that they may have life, and have it to the full.” (John 10:10)*

Keep looking up

Pastor David Hamilton, Living Water Church



Salobreña

CONGRATULATIONS

To John and Marion Dawson on the safe arrival of their grand-daughter Ophelia Louise who was born on Sunday 4th September weighing in at 6lb 8 3/4 oz. Marion says that Mother and baby are fine and of course she is gorgeous! They saw her for the first time the following day which was also their wedding anniversary which really put the icing on the cake!



During the year we have raised a modest sum of money for the Michael James School in Keyna which I recently sent off to the charity. Mike and Kath have written back to say “Thank You” to us all , especially the four girls from La Palma, where Julie teaches them English.

Mike and Kath will be back in Spain in October and will come to visit us then, giving an update on their own progress as well as that of the children. Please continue to pray for Kath and Mike as well as the teachers and children in the school.

Every blessing, Chris Stuart



SUMMER OUTREACH

On page 11 of the bulletin there is a report from Jon and Emma Jarratt about the summer outreach in Salobreña with Ant, Sarah and Kieran joining them. Due to lack of space this time more will follow in next month’s bulletin.