

# 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 September 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: H<sub>2</sub>O 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** (634 330 882)

***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



### *Genesis 8.22 – Seedtime and Harvest.*

In my quiet time recently, walking in the garden, I noticed some large seed pods on one of our shrubs and God began to speak to me. They were very large pods well-formed and filled with seed, full of potential, but not yet mature. Pods are only important as carriers of the seed and it is only after the self-life of the pod has been removed by exposure to the “Sun” that it breaks open so that the wind may distribute its now fully developed seed. The message is this - it is only **after** “pods die” (*Galatians 2.20*) that seeds within it mature and can be carried to soil (people) ready to receive and nurture new growth. If we (by ourselves) try to plant pods in what appears to be suitable places, they will invariably die. Current political and economic conditions may (should) help us to re-focus and to depend more completely on God and His word – if we will then we could mature much faster. Please forgive me if this sounds patronising, I do know that this message was given to me - for me, but, it may also be relevant to others. Christians may be packed with seed (the Word of God) but if the pods are still green, they will need much more exposure to the light of the “Son” to transform what is “known” into a more digestible form of expression that the Holy Spirit can take to others. This speaks to me, of a willingness to die to self confidence and to dump pride, presumption and natural thinking. As believers, this illustration of dried out pods may also describe an ever narrowing pathway of faith, which progressively calls for more giving up of our self- preserving lifestyles in order to develop greater trust and dependency on God. If we decide to stay in control of everything we may not become fully mature nor see the Gospel of Jesus Christ planted successfully in others. It is not easy, after a lifetime of making our own decisions, based on what we see, hear and know from worldly sources, to ask God what He would have us do with our time and money. If there is to be the breakthrough we talk about so much, we may need to firstly, yield more of our lives to God so that He can teach us His ways. Then we shall confidently anticipate and experience the reality of a harvest, rising up in our families and our neighbourhoods. If like me you have been an “I” (“me”) pod, this might be for you?

***Selah, Tony***

## Germany cont...

Our hosts in Kassel were a wonderful couple called Gerhard and Dagmar whose generous hospitality and attention to every little detail made our stay more than comfortable and very enjoyable. Not to mention that Dagmar is an excellent cook! They also showed us around Kassel which is a beautiful place with so many green and spacious areas. Indeed we are very grateful to all of Peter and Uschi’s friends who made us so very welcome.



*Peter and Uschi were also celebrating their Wedding Anniversary whilst we were there, so on the Sunday they took a group of us out for an Ethiopian meal. (As many of you will know Peter and Uschi were missionaries in Ethiopia for a number of years). Peter was instrumental in helping the manager of the restaurant get started when he first came to Germany and the manager now calls Peter and Uschi his “Papa and Mama”.*



The meal was certainly a new experience as you help yourself to a type of bread on which you add from the dishes available - and then eat with your hands (although I have to confess they did allow us knives and forks!).



*A final thank you from us to Robert and Vitte for your warm hospitality, your generosity and especially your prayers for us, God bless you both.*

**Chris, Leslie and Esther**

## Germany

We thank Peter and Uschi for the wonderful time we had in Germany and at the conference.

*The time started with a flight to Berlin and a stay with Gabriele in her lovely house set in beautiful grounds. It was good to see Gabriele so happy and settled and we could see why. We had breakfast sat outside enjoying the peace and quiet and listening to the birds. A wonderful place to live and work. A short train ride took us into the city itself to look around this fascinating place. Gabriele also took us to Potsdam.*



From here we took the train down to Kassel where the conference was. It was their tenth Anniversary and on the Saturday Leslie, Peter and Lars (the Assistant Pastor of Peter's church in Germany) all spoke and the messages all complimented each other. The group of intercessors presented Peter and Uschi with some gifts for them. We then started with a time of worship which was a new experience singing in German, then moved to the lectures themselves which were about the importance of Mission. A wonderful dinner was provided and much appreciated by all attending.



*On the Sunday we attended Peter and Uschi's home church where Peter was speaking. This is a very modern building and we were given headsets for the translation into English. The lady you see in the picture here also translated for Leslie as he spoke in the Conference.*



## Almuñécar

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

*Throughout the summer, every time I have watched the news, it has seemed that the world in which we live is getting more and more crazy. The enemy is at work in just about every place we know of, but so is the Lord. Jesus is THE answer and everywhere we lift up His name, the Holy Spirit breaks down strongholds and ushers in God's Kingdom. Throughout August believers have been proclaiming Jesus Christ as Lord in Almuñécar.*

Judy, Gavin and the children have been giving a series of Gospel concerts on Thursday evenings in the gardens of the Tourist Office and with each week that passes more people are hearing the Gospel through this beautiful medium of music and song.

*On the first Thursday in August, the Spanish Church, Centro Familiar Cristiano, held a night vigil on the beach and we were invited to be part of this meeting and share from the Word with them. There was worship, testimony, prayer, sharing the heart of God and a time of waiting in His presence. It brought home to me the importance of putting aside time in God's presence that is unhurried and seeking His face.*

We also held a praise and worship service in English on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>. It was led by Nick Blackman, from UK and it was a great 'family' time for Antonio, myself and other English speaking believers here. I'm praying for God to show the way to more times of refreshing and restoration as we seek to reach out in Almuñécar to people of all nationalities with the hope of new life that is found only in our wonderful Lord Jesus.

To Him be all glory and honour.

***Blessings to all from Patricia Mingorance***

## Granada

Thank you to all who prayed for the mission in Huétor Vega. There were a number of good things that came out of this:

*We were blessed personally having the team stay with us, especially as most of our Christian work is done “us and the Lord”, also with extra contact with Jon & Emma. Kieran found some light relief (and so did we!) as he played with our puppy, Toby.*

Our prayer over Huétor Vega from 10 strategic points around the town was good as we also covered many of the social issues presently affecting Spain.

*The morning visits to Granada city and the Sierra Nevada were worthwhile to give a broader perspective and we think were enjoyed by the team .*

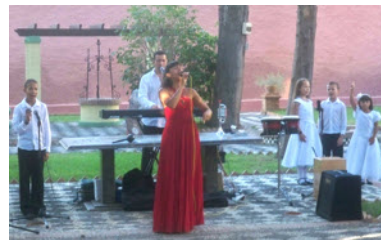
The Revolution band and the flamenco team with the support of their pastor and some 20 folks (mainly Brazilians) seemed to gel together well despite the language barriers in our pre-concert tea and prayer time together (we've never had our house so full – praise God!). The Brazilians went through the streets inviting people before the concert. Although Simón (from Almuñécar) and Miriam are good artists their band is still coming together and they needed more practice. However, the Revolution band played very well including a little Spanish with a good sound (Sarah's voice was particularly appreciated) and it was great to see some from both bands play together at the end.

*The sound technician, José, (also from Almuñécar) did a great job and the 3,000 watt speakers covered half the town from what we heard afterwards.*

There was a clear sense of the presence of the Lord throughout the concert and the gospel went out in testimony, song and preaching.

## Blessings from Tim and Mary

## Gavin and Judy



Thank you to all who have prayed for us over August for the series of Gospel concerts that were held in the gardens of the tourist office in Almuñécar . We praise God for His favour with the mayor, Casa de la Cultura and the management and staff of La Najarra. The staff were very excited about the amount of people that have come despite the fact that there were no chairs. We believed the Lord was leading us to do a new programme every concert in case people returned and they could hear the message in a different way each time. Praise God, some people did return and understood the message of each concert. One Spanish lady told us that she was on her way to visit a friend, heard the music, came in and stayed. She enjoyed it so much she came back again not knowing if there would be another concert and when she arrived she was delighted that it was completely different. She discussed what it was all about and shared how much she got out of the different messages. What blessed us most was that she really 'got it'. She understood what the Lord was saying through us, praise God! She gave us some mangoes and said she would see us again this week, hallelujah!

*There have been three generations, if not four every week, praise God! People have also been out on their balconies around the gardens and on the busiest nights they have been very positively vocal in their appreciation. Some people apologised for not being able to stay and some were sad not to be able to come back as their holidays were over.*

One man came and stood right in front of us with tremendous aggression and I closed my eyes for a while to concentrate on one of the new songs we had learned for that night. My thought was if I could get over the tricky bit then I could deal with him, but when I opened my eyes his whole demeanour had changed and I saw how the Holy Spirit had completely disarmed Him. We pray he went away changed. *A dear sister in Christ said that she heard the Lord say, 'names are being written in the Lambs Book of Life'. We pray so. Our desire is that the Lord has been glorified.*

## Gavin, Judy and family



## *La Viñuela*

**Love and Encouragement.** Should be at the very core of our being, expressed through opportunities that present themselves in our daily lives. So it is a matter of some significance that those who use our meeting place may experience those very qualities in their interaction with us. We host several groups including a Mums and Toddlers Group, and Spanish Lessons. Comments from a church member illustrate this point.

*“There are a couple of ladies who attend the Pilates class who have asked for prayer and I feel by being present at some of the outside activities within our Meeting Hall, that I can come alongside people. This morning Joyce a regular visitor, mentioned she knew I was praying for a particular lady (and her husband). Also this morning I was speaking to someone who was sharing her problems past and present with me, and I feel so privileged that they share these details. I mentioned to them that I would keep them in my prayers. I feel so strongly that Our Father is bringing people to us and we can reach out to them..*

*The Charity shop takings, from 19th November 2010 when it opened until today's date ,are €3,721.80 with which we bless Hola Charity and the Malaga Children's Home. However, I feel that the most important aspect of our Charity Shop is meeting people and getting to know them. Our Father brought lots of people to us this morning and I feel this is confirmation that we are in His will. Hallelujah.”*

We have received a real blessing in the shape of Mike and Joan Tomlinson who now lead our midweek meeting helping us in our understanding of the Lord's Word. Their work with us is much appreciated and long may it continue. We also welcome Peter Cackett into a leadership role amongst us and are very blessed by his input.

*The Malaga Children's Home has made a request for suitcases; their need is to provide those leaving (having reached the age of 18) with something they can carry their belongings in. So if anyone has some old cases please let us know and we will arrange to take them to the Home.*

## Blessings, Colin Lavender

## *Mojácar*

Greetings to all our brothers and sisters throughout the Fellowship of the King network of churches.

*During the summer months we had two public film nights both of which carried dynamic themes.*

The first was the story and ministry of Jackie Pullinger and her team. Called “The Law of Love” the film reminded us how God can move supernaturally through prayer as we saw how God wonderfully healed drug addicts in Hong Kong and raised up people from homelessness and poverty and gave them a future. Jackie shared how important it was for her to pray in tongues every day for at least 15 minutes and then she started to see the breakthrough. I am challenged that we must not neglect this important gift.

*Our second film was about the testimony of Ian MacCormack who having been stung by deadly Jelly fish died and subsequently met the Lord Jesus and returned to testify of his amazing life changing experience. This covers the issues of life after death something every person must face one day.*

*For those of who are saved we can be greatly encouraged, but those who don't know Jesus as their saviour face great uncertainty and often fear.*

How urgent is the hour as we witness the recent global events of financial breakdown and civil unrest in many countries including UK.

John Partington General Superintendent of AOG, UK recently wrote: Social challenges, financial difficulties, as well as meteorological and international signs, must surely cause us to see Biblical prophecy being fulfilled before our eyes. Of course none of us knows the time of Christ's second coming but one thing is certain, we are nearer that day than at any other time in history and therefore need to 'work the works of Christ whilst it is yet day' ( John 9:4 ). The work must go on with increased effort to be ready for the harvest which surely will come as many in the world become more and more desperate. The pillars of security that many have relied upon are being shaken but the foundation of Jesus Christ will never be shaken. The Church throughout the world has a window of opportunity to address the issues and once again be the means to bring God's love into a fallen society. With God's help we will be that effective voice.

## Pastor David Hamilton, Living Water Church

## Nerja

Many people have felt challenged by the “New Atheists”, people like Dawkins, Harris and Hitchens. So in the autumn Leslie will start a new series of midweek teaching addressing the questions being asked, such as “How can I know there is a God?”

### The Atheist Test

I don't believe in atheists. This isn't because I haven't met people who claim the title, but because such a person cannot exist. Let's imagine that you are a professing atheist. I will ask you two questions:

First, do you know the combined weight of all the sand on all the beaches of Hawaii? I think I can safely assume that you don't. This brings us to the second question: Do you know how many hairs are on the back of a fully grown male Tibetan yak? Probably not. Therefore, it is reasonable for me to conclude that there are some things you don't know. It is important to ask these questions because there are some people who think they know everything.

Let's say that you know an incredible one percent of all the knowledge in the universe. To know 100 percent, you would have to know absolutely everything. There wouldn't be a rock in the universe that you would not be intimately familiar with, or a grain of sand that you would not be aware of. You would know everything that has happened in history, from that which is common knowledge to the minor details of the secret love life of Napoleon's great-grandmother's black cat's fleas. You would know every hair of every head, and every thought of every heart. All history would be laid out before you, because you would be omniscient (all-knowing).

Bear in mind that one of the greatest scientists who ever lived, Thomas Edison, said, “We do not know a millionth of one percent about anything.” Let me repeat: Let's say that you have an incredible *one percent* of all the knowledge in the universe. Would it be possible, in the ninety-nine percent of the knowledge that you haven't yet come across, that there might be ample evidence to prove the existence of God? If you are reasonable, you will be forced to admit that it is possible. Somewhere, in the vast knowledge you haven't yet discovered, there could be enough evidence to prove that God does exist.

Ray Comfort

## Salobreña

We have received news of the Kenyan school from Mike and Kath:

We are full of praise for our wonderful God as Wilson is back at school and all sight of the dog bites which went very deep into his thigh and arms have gone completely. It's a miracle. Thank you so much for prayers.

The renovations on the Swahili house to make three small flats for staff are going well and they are thrilled.

*We took Amos to see the surgeon on Tuesday, he said the hip was not dislocated but he could not rule out a tumour or TB. We had to take him to two different hospitals for tests. Amos was traumatised by the CT scanning machine and the blood tests but soon recovered on the journey back as he enjoyed seeing the buses, trucks, trains etc. It seems neither of them had been out of the village area before and his mother was overwhelmed. All this took from 8am to 6pm, it was very, very hot and we were not in very good shape when we got back to the hotel.*

*We took Amos to the hospital, we left very early in the morning in order to be near the front of the queue. When we arrived at 9 am we were met by the most distressing sights we have ever had to witness in our lives. It was already crowded and nearly impossible to get through the door. Apparently this specialist only comes from Nairobi occasionally.*

Hundreds of children in the most pitiful conditions you could ever imagine most of them both physical and mentally ill lay on mats everywhere or sat in wheel chairs, or were carried by careworn parents and other family members. Some were Indians but most were the poorest of the poor Kenyans.

*The heat was unbearable and the screaming and crying from the children was distressing but we still considered ourselves fortunate to be 36th in the queue. Hours later we saw this lovely Kenyan surgeon who looked at the CT scans, X-rays, and examined Amos carefully. He took a lot of time to explain everything to us in English and to Amos's mother in Swahili. He said it was because of a childhood disease, possibly TB which had not been treated at the time which had caused the bones of the hip to be fused together and because he was still growing he was very sorry but he could not do anything until Amos reached adulthood. Then he could have a hip replacement operation.*

Not the outcome we had hoped for so we pressed the doctor, surely something could be done and he said he could have a pair of special boots with one built up two inches. We all agreed and Amos was pleased. He will be the only boy in the school with shoes and even better if they look like football boots. So this has been arranged. We are now over the disappointment and have left it in God's hands, as He knows best.

**God bless you all for your prayers, Mike and Kath**