

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 Summer 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 (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

The main news from Albox is that Tony has formally retired as pastor



although retaining some involvement and his intention is that this will be without too much "meddling". We see the future leadership here as being increasingly a team effort led by the Holy Spirit. This approach is already bearing fruit due to an increased involvement of more of our people in our meetings and a greater willingness, boldness and confidence in God to share their

faith with unsaved friends. We are blessed by the help of visiting speakers and others in the congregation who would not normally have led or spoken in our meetings. All in all, we are confident that God has a plan and timescale for extending His kingdom here in Albox. We have learned that we cannot do this (finally the message is getting through), we also know that it is a sovereign work of God. So right now we are asking Him to help us down load what we have known for years, into our hearts and out through us - to do this takes time to patiently listen and wait upon Him for His leading with a willingness to fit into His programme, it's challenging, a bit scary but also exciting.

Tony

I know from many comments that I have received from people by email how much you have enjoyed reading Tony's regular articles and I would like to express our appreciation for all the work he has put in and his faithfulness in getting it to me on time(!) Thank you Tony it makes my job easier. We can still look forward to a few articles from him but he will now share the load with other members from Albox. We wish Tony and Eila a much more relaxed retirement. Chris

What have you done? By Esther Thomas Kerslake

Oh! What have you done, country of my mother?
Once like a flower in full bloom, all looked to you,
They called you the centre of the world!

Oh! What have you done, country of my father?
Once you fought for your beliefs in Christ,
Now you look away from Him and look to all others.

Oh! What have you done, country of my ancestors?
Once you flourished with the blessings of the one true God,
But now you take it for granted and want to please others
More than the God who blessed you!

Oh! What have you done?
Country so fine and blessed,
Now struggling with the rest,
Why did you look away when you had plenty?
You chose to please the rest instead of thanking Him for being blessed.

Oh! Will you never see and rise again?
You have wilted away like a neglected flower,
But you were never neglected!
You turned away from your faith ...
And with that your plenty!

Oh! How I pray that one day your time of plenty will come again,
That you will see God and thank Him for His blessings.
For He is good, He is above all things!

So find once again your God, dear country, find your God again,
Drive out those evil gods, and preach to non-believers,
Dear country of Great Britain, flourish once again!
Home of my ancestors...
ARISE!

CONGRATULATIONS



To Iain and Pat on the safe arrival of their new grandson weighing in at 8lb 9oz. Congratulations also to Mum and Dad (Penny and Fergus) and to big sister Phoebe who is four years old.

Iain and Pat and team are ministering in Spain this month in Badajoz.

SOME POINTS TO PONDER:

When we bless, God promises to bless as well.
(Numbers 6:24)

*As David and Averil finished their retreat (see page 6) :
Roy pronounced Blessings on the area. He, and then they, blessed the valley, the agriculture, the lushness of the grass for food, the health of the livestock, the sanctity of marriage in the valley, the abundance of God's provision on the businesses, the children and so it went on. That valley was almost dead before FyD and now there are thriving businesses, renewed churches, successful businesses and Bed and Breakfasts that are full most weeks. We must learn from this as there is so much power in speaking the Blessing on our areas.*

(Extract taken from David's fuller email)

Almuñécar

Summer is here, and we say 'hello' to the heat, noise and all the visitors. It is always good to welcome back the folks we see at holiday time and enjoy fellowship with them.

This summer we could be welcoming even more visitors from UK than usual so we are hoping to have a praise and celebration time together on Sunday August 14th in Almuñécar. At the time of writing however, we are still not sure what form this might take and are praying about time/place etc. It will be fiesta week here so we shall see how God leads us. We always hope that unbelievers will be impacted any time we meet in public places to praise the Lord and lift up Jesus' name but we also want to enjoy these times of fellowship that God provides for us and are quite excited that we can share with friends and family from England. I will try to get word out nearer the time in case anyone would like to join us.

We pray that everyone will have a blessed summer and stay cool.

Blessings to you all, Pat Mingorance

OFF TO GERMANY

From 4th July Leslie, Chris and Esther are off to Germany as Leslie has been invited to speak at the Mission Conference of Leuchtfeuer, the association for the promotion and encouragement of Christian communities (Peter and Uschi's German Missionary Board). They are celebrating their 10th Anniversary and Leslie will be speaking on the topic "Stand up and be Light!" Fortunately there will be someone on hand to translate!

We will also be able to meet up with Gabrielle in Berlin where she now works and bring her the greetings of the Fellowship as she has kindly invited us to stay with her before moving on down to Kassel for the Conference.

Granada

Since our arrival here in Huétor Vega, Granada nearly nine years ago, we have sought on various occasions to facilitate evangelistic events in the plazas in Huétor Vega with the help of visiting teams. People have been blessed, and on one occasion relationships were initiated which led to some folks coming to know the Lord. So again this year. FTK has received a very kind offer from a small team of musicians, Ant, Sarah and Enyo, who will be with us from 20th - 25th July.

We hope to prayer walk around the town, visit Granada city to understand the spiritual environment better, and have some social and outreach events in our home. On Saturday 23rd July, we are in contact with the local authority to hold a Christian concert in the main plaza in Huétor, combining Revolution Band from the UK with flamenco and classical music from more local musicians, hence a fusion of English, Spanish and different music styles for an audience which will be 99% Spanish speaking. We'd greatly value your prayer for:

- 1 Ant and team as they prepare, including a sponsored walk to raise funds for their trip
- 2 Permission for the concert from a new political team in the town
- 3 The musicians coming together well and all the technical aspects
- 4 Above all for our Lord to be glorified and the lost to be reached with the good news

We appreciate your involvement.

In closing, we'd like to quote a prayer of Sir Francis Drake. The prayer is a challenge to us all as we enter a new season of God moving in Spain.

“Disturb us Lord, when having fallen in love with life, we have ceased to dream of eternity, and in our efforts to build a new earth, we have allowed our vision of the new heaven to dim. Disturb us Lord, to dare more boldly, to venture on wilder seas where storms will show Your mastery; where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars. We ask You to push back the horizons of our hopes and to push us into the future in strength, courage, hope and love. This we ask in the Name of our Captain, who is Jesus Christ. Amen”

Tim and Mary

La Viñuela

It was good to have Salvador and Loli invite everyone to celebrate with them the inauguration of Casa Emanuel. Gavin and Judy report as follows:

How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!



We had a wonderful time up at Casa Emanuel with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We had a delicious meal in a beautiful setting, made new friends young and old and then celebrated the inauguration of Casa Emanuel. We were asked to lead the worship and we thank God for His marvellous presence which so

touched us all. We look forward to working much more with our Spanish brethren to reach this nation for Christ.

We would value your prayers as we continue with the outreaches big and small, far and wide that the Lord has called us to.

We thank God for Jes, who has helped us so much to take instruments and equipment all over the place. His prayers, support, encouragement, joy and love are invaluable. Indeed if it were not for him we would not have been able to do what the Lord has called us to do in this last year or more. Praise God for the body of Christ and for unity in accomplishing what we have all been called to do for the Kingdom.



Blessings, Gavin and Judy

Salobreña

We were very blessed last month to have Tony Morton join us for our mid-week prayer meeting and all very much appreciated his contribution.



Tony was also able to share with us of his involvement in Kenya (not too far away from Mike and Kath's school) where he and Sue have been organising "micro loans" to enable people to start themselves off in a business which will be able to support them. The loan is given free and it is paid back when they have made enough money. For example

buying a sewing machine for a woman who can then make clothes etc, not only for her family but to sell and make money to live on.

SUMMER MISSION

This summer sees the arrival of Ant Lee and his wife and one of the young people from the church he is involved in in England. Ant will be working with Jon in Salobreña and also with Tim and Mary in Granada.

Saturday 16th July in the morning will include orientation and prayer around Salobreña and area. In the evening there will be a gig and translated testimony in the park.

Sunday 17th They will lead morning worship / testimony / and teaching. In the evening there will be Worship and translated service with Spanish congregation in Nerja .

On Monday 18th in the afternoon there will be games and songs etc with children in Jon and Emma's village in Guájar Fondón.



Mojácar

On Saturday Living Water Church had the inauguration of their new venue situated on Mojácar playa opposite the pharmacy near the Red Cross Centre.

The event was attended by over 60 people from various churches in the area.



The meeting was opened with David Weir playing "To God be the Glory" on the bag pipes. Worship was led by Robin and Julie Hawkins and the address was given by Tony Morton from the UK.

Leslie Thomas from The Fellowship of the King shared about the important work of the churches in Southern Spain.

The latest initiative is to establish a 24/7 building which is accessible to people throughout the whole year.

Positioned on the Playa we now have great potential to facilitate teams to come and be involved in mission during the summer months. Our vision is to be a people that can offer refreshment and biblical teaching that is Holy Spirit inspired to equip and minister to both residents and visitors alike.



There are many people here in Spain who need to see the love of God poured out through support and friendship of which we have the wonderful privilege of playing our part.



The meeting was followed by a light buffet including the gift of a cake made in the shape of a cross provided by the "Mana del Cielo" Café.

Ffald-y-Brenin

If you want details of FyB, read 'The Grace Outpouring' or visit www.ffald-y-brening.org

We went anticipating and excited, but little prepares you for God's presence there. Within thick stone walls there is serenity, a peace and a sense of heaven. It is not Cathedral majesty, this is different, the tangible presence of God. The round Chapel, room for 22 bottoms on stone seats, a rough stone alter and its focus on the cross is the heart of FyB. Leaning into the walls is leaning back into God.

The High Cross, (B&Q timber) on a Golgothan hillside has awesome power. We stood there and tears rolled. Shame, grief, sorrow, repentance. "Oh Lord, what have I done for you to deserve this?" Logic said 'B&Q', our Spirit said 'Kneel in the presence of God.' We were drawn there again and again.

This is retreat, no teaching, no sermons, no formal word just the Holy Spirit leading. Monastic in its rhythms FyB creates security as though within the womb of God. Set prayers, four times a day, draw you back. Compline sends you to bed at peace. To benefit you need to enter fully into the pattern. Some didn't, it was their loss!

Within FyB you sense the very heartbeat of God. Fifteen of us went as strangers, we came home as family. 'Thy Kingdom come, on earth as in heaven' applies manifestly here. We cannot recreate it but we can live the life and go to tell others.

David and Averil Newell. (E mail us for greater detail)

(David and Averil are part of our Nerja congregation when they can be with us and David often preaches in Nerja and La Viñuela)

Nerja

The English congregation have been blessing the much needy Spanish congregation with food parcels for several years. We have been claiming Isaiah 58 v 6 onwards to be outworked in Nerja in our prayers. So we were excited to hear that Carlos and Loida, who lead the Spanish Church in Nerja, have got some Keys - we believe for the extension of the Kingdom.

Key 1 - They have finally managed to purchase a vehicle.

Key 2 - They have been put in touch with a food distribution centre in Málaga and have been promised tons of food to distribute in and around Nerja.

Key 3 - They have been given contact names and addresses of needy people by the Town Hall (who we sent a letter to recently, to tell them that we, as a church, are praying regularly for them and their administration).

Jesus promises in Matthew 16 v 19 "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven". We thank you Lord.

The Spanish congregation have now found other new premises where the rent is much cheaper and they have two rooms for the children. The other building they were going to move into fell through when the new Landlord immediately increased the rent from what had been agreed.

We thank God that Irina who lives in a cave near Maro, has been given a permanent job this week as a gardener for a local urbanización. She has never had such an opportunity for regular work and income. Last year she travelled to France to do some summer work, in order to send money back to her ageing Mum in the Ukraine. Thank you for blessing her Father God, as her heart is to bless others rather than concentrate on her own needs.

With every blessing, Joan and Mike