

PRAYER LETTER

December 2022

The Perez Family



Dearly beloved,

Grace and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I am very grateful to the Lord for how He has blessed and cared for our church during the last months and how He has used your prayers, offerings and support for it. It is a joy, also to be able to share it with you through this prayer letter.

It has been a long time since we have written to you, but the events of the last few months have kept us very dedicated in ministry.

As you know our family was in the United States in August enjoying the hospitality of Berean Baptist Church in North Carolina and Hope Baptist Church in Georgia. Our initial plan was to visit two more churches (Highlands Bible Church of New Jersey and Grace and Truth Baptist Church of New York) but due to unforeseen events in the calendar of our church it was impossible to be out of Spain for the whole month of August. We hope to visit the USA again next year and be with the brethren from NJ and NY. For me and my family it has been a blessing to spend time with the brethren in Fayetteville, NC and Winder GA. We pray for your churches and for the work of the kingdom in your cities.

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USA trip
BBC- Fayetteville
August 2022



USA trip
Hope BC - Winder
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Our Church

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As for our church, we are very joyful as the last few months have been very fruitful in every way.

In September we were able to celebrate our 5th anniversary. It is a joy to see how the Lord has sustained us in the midst of trials and very difficult circumstances. But here we are in the Lord's providence. At the special worship service we had a great attendance and afterwards we enjoyed a fraternal meal where we were able to enjoy food from more than 12 countries. A culinary UN.

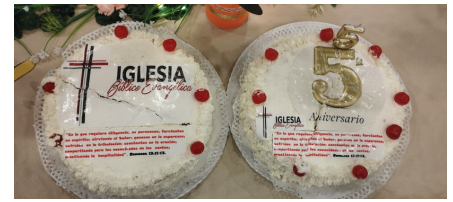
Another reason for much joy was the baptisms in November in which our brothers Artur and Rosa, each 60 years old, went down into the water. Both come from a practicing Catholic background and also from a life filled with struggles with alcoholism. Both have experienced new birth and conversion after starting to attend our church a couple of years ago. Their testimonies of newness of life in Christ have been of great impact to our church and to non-believing family and friends.

In these three months we have made works and reforms in the premises like painting, making a new classroom for the children's Sunday School, some changes in the church furniture, etc. We still have some improvements pending, but little by little we have seen how the Lord has been providing.

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5th Anniversary-
September 2022



Baptisms - Artur & Rosa
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Reformations
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We are also planning since September to start next year a Sunday school for children, a youth group and meetings with the men of the church. We do not know if we will be able to start everything at once, but we will try to start all of this in the first quarter of the year 2023. We ask for your prayers that the Lord will raise up teachers and those responsible for these ministries.

On the other hand, I regret to say that the two brothers who were proposed as candidates for the ministry are reconsidering their suitability to serve as pastors due to their personal circumstances. A lot of work overload, on the one hand, and the great distance of their place of residence from the church, on the other. This means that, although they will continue preaching and teaching, as well as helping me in many other ministerial facets, I will continue to be the only pastor for the time being. So I ask first your prayers for strength and grace from the Lord, and then that he will raise up men in the church who can serve as elders.

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Helping others

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In the last few months we have received requests from two small churches of our same denomination and convictions that have asked us for help in providing them with preachers and teachers. One of them is located in Figueras and the other in Ibiza, an island in the Mediterranean Sea. For us it is a joy to be able to help in the same way we have been helped, but at the same time it is a great responsibility and requires a lot of organization and wisdom.

We have also started sponsoring and mentoring a group of believers in the city of Lérida, 200 kms from Sabadell. We are in the process of guiding them to create a stable membership and become a church. We thank the Lord that more and more healthy churches are being established in Spain. We ask your prayers for the men leading these Christian communities: Joan Miquel Batlle, Anselmo Trinidad, José Luis Torres and Igor Días.



Lérida group
November 2022

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Events

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We recently attended a retreat in the city of Malaga (Andalusia) for families of pastors organized by Acts29 Europe. It has been a balm for our souls and families to share time, experiences, prayers and rest and fellowship with faithful men of God from all over Spain and Portugal. It is incredible the revival that the Lord is working in our country and we give thanks for it.



Acts 29
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Our Family

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As far as our family is concerned, we continue to ask for your prayers.

We are in good health, although as I write these lines I am suffering from a very bad flu. But I am already a little better, thanks to God.

Our two daughters, Claudia and Julia, are continuing with their high school studies and are doing very well. Claudia is in college preparatory and this is causing her a lot of anxiety and tiredness, but in spite of them she is getting very good grades. We thank God for this. Julia is still in her second professional year of piano at the music conservatory. After a few years of being a bit scattered, she is now more focused on her lessons.

We ask your prayers for Claudia's salvation.

Silvia is still tired with the work schedule as she still has to go to Barcelona, but since she can work from home two days a week the stress has decreased a little. Lately she is having to deal with the anemia caused by her menopause, but now she is feeling a little better.

As for me, I ask your prayers for my ministry, which is becoming more and more demanding as the church grows and its needs grow. I need the Lord to give me patience, love and contentment with our church as it is and with the gifts he has now given to the IBE. May I be aware of the need for rest and time to devote to my family.

We continue to pray that the Lord will keep our car. It is only by his grace that it still works, after 18 years. But we are not sure how long it will continue to do so. On the other hand, car prices have increased a lot in Spain, both new and second hand. Anyway, in January we will start to see offers. We ask your prayers that the Lord will provide a good car for at least the next twenty years.

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As always, we also pray for you, your churches, families and ministries. We know that throughout the worldwide fellowship we face different trials and challenges, but we are called to glory in the midst of them as part of God's work in us. Thank you for your help in every way, but most especially for your prayers on behalf of our church and family. May God continue to be glorified in all things. We also wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy 2023 in God's grace. Your brothers and fellow servants in the work of the Kingdom,

Pastor Javier Pérez and Family

