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Worshipping, Teaching and Proclaiming Christ in Sabadell



Dear brothers,

Greetings in the love of Christ.

There are many things that our good God has put in our life and ministry since the last update I sent you. As always we have noticed the grace and support of the Lord.

After a time of deep grief over the loss of our sister Su Barrett, the church has gradually regained its pulse and good spirit. Death is part of the vanity of this fallen world, but we are also grateful to the Lord, because Su's loss showed us the reality that the Lord can call us at any moment to his presence, and that should encourage us to live lives that give him glory, and give ourselves with love to the service of our brethren. Su set a good example of this. Now she rests in glory. Please, pray for her 4 children from 5 to 15 years old.

Last July we celebrate a baptism service, in which Antonio and Gabriela, went down into the water and gave a beautiful testimony of their faith in Jesus Christ. They met the Lord two years ago and it has been a joy to receive them officially as members of our church. We ask that you pray for their lives. May we be a blessing to them just as they already are to us. In January, God willing we'll baptize another couple Ingrid and Robin. Please pray also for them.

In addition, this October we have started our 6th membership course which will last 2 months. 12 brothers will participate who we hope will join our church in the future. This will cause the church to grow from 30 to 42 members. In any case, please pray for their growth in holiness, love, faith, and knowledge of the Lord. Another reason for gratitude is that since September we have resumed our prayer meetings in person. Until the month of July we did it by Zoom. This was a huge help in these times of pandemic, but seeing that the restrictions are gradually becoming more lax, we have resumed the face-to-face meetings which is being a great blessing for all.

We ask you to pray especially for our brother Francisco. He is 84 years old and cancer has joined him, which is making him very weak. He has also Alzheimer, but he does not forget neither the Lord nor his Word, nor does he diminish his desire to congregate.

It is clear that it is God who sustains him. Please pray for Francisco and for his 80-year-old wife, Noemi.

As for my ministry. I have to tell you that the last months before the August holidays were really difficult and took a great toll on the emotional and physical. I was able to verify that how the Lord sustained me spiritually and I know that this is partly due to the prayers of our church as well as yours, which I appreciate very much. The holidays were a good time for rest and reflection. They helped me put in perspective and analyze my service to the saints and the time I spend with both my family and being alone with the Lord.

Both Silvia and I ask you to pray for our two daughters. They are both in high school and there are many trials and temptations they have to face. I beg you for Julia. May her faith not waver, as well as for Claudia, so that the Lord may call her to repentance and the faith in Christ that she has not yet manifested.

For the rest, and as I have already told you in other prayer letters, I am still looking for a part-time job, but the situation in Spain is still delicate when it comes to work. On the other hand, both the family and the church make it quite difficult for me to be as diligent as I should. I ask your prayers so that the Lord will allow me to better organize myself and delegate what is necessary to other people in the church so that in the coming months I can dedicate more time to this necessary search.

We thank the Lord for your support in every way. I pray that in the future we can meet in person. It's one of my most fervent prayers. Even in the distance we love you and we pray for you and your churches. May our Lord bless you,

Pastor Javier Pérez & Family

