



Passing through the waters

On April 2nd, 2026, little Obed was called to the presence of the Lord. The church in Mataró and many other brethren from sister churches nearby bade him farewell on April 4th in a heart-felt, full of hope service. Many unsaved relatives and friends of the Mendoza family who would not come to church for any other reason were able to hear the Gospel clearly preached.



Obed's parents & grandparents



«When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.»

Isaiah 43:2

“I will be with thee”

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is with joy and thankfulness to the Lord that we send this prayer letter one more time. We draw upon the joy of the Lord because it is our strength (Neh. 8:10), and we give Him thanks because He is our strong tower, to whom we can run and be safe (Pr. 18:10). We hope and pray this letter finds you well, faithfully waiting for the coming of the Lord.

During these three months after our last letter, the Lord considered it appropriate to walk our church, and especially a young family in our congregation, through the trial of fire. On February 10th, 2026, a baby boy named Obed Mendoza Arias was born to Bryan and Leydis, a faithful and beloved couple of our church. Obed was born with a serious heart disease, so he was hospitalized from the very first moment of his life. He went through several open heart surgeries during his first days of life, and then he was in ICU for almost two months, until the Lord saw it fit to take Obed with Him to heaven. The Lord has used this tribulation to teach us to pray fervently (and even fast) for strength and acceptance of His will. Obed's parents and grandparents had a great testimony among us and also at the hospital, sharing their faith in Jesus with unsaved nurses, doctors, and other parents of children in ICU, trusting in the good will and wisdom of God at all times. The Lord gave us a time of intensive learning on Christian living in tough situations, proving that **He is always with us.**

Annual Calçotada

This year our annual Calçotada had a very special meaning, as we as a church family were praying for little Obed, knowing that he was probably approaching his last days among us. The Lord led me to give a challenge on Obedience, using each letter of the word

OBEDECER (=obey) to illustrate different aspects of our obedience to God. I spent some time in the first half of the word (OBED), considering the many lessons the Lord was teaching us through this little boy. The second half of the

word, ECER, reminded us of God's help in our life journey.



Eating "calçots" together

Holy Week Presentation

On April 12, the children of the Sunday School class took part in a short presentation portraying in two scenes how two Jewish families celebrated the Passover, in Moses's time and in Jesus's time. It was a good opportunity to share the gospel with many unsaved relatives and a very profitable activity for the children, to help them get a better grasp of



Christ's sacrifice for us.



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Answered Prayers & Requests:

- One more year we were able to celebrate the 29th anniversary of the *Iglesia Cristiana Bíblica* in Mataró. We are very thankful to the Lord for all these years of testimony in this city, and for His help and faithfulness through all this time. Bro. Manuel Moyano, also an IPM missionary, was the guest speaker for this event.

- We also thank the Lord for allowing us to visit with our children Daniel and Ruth, and to meet our newest grandchild Daniel in person. It is a long drive from our place, about 11 hours, so we thank the Lord for His travelling mercies and the precious time we spent with them. We would appreciate your prayers for this young couple and their missionary work in the city of Jerez de la Frontera



- Please pray for Alex, a young man who contacted us through the church's web site, and came to the Calçotada. Since then, he has attended the Sunday services several times. He is seeking the Lord, and is very open to listen to the gospel, but he has not made profession of faith yet. Pray for His salvation.

Closing Words

We close this letter with a sincere word of appreciation for your faithful support in finances and in prayer. Many times the Lord allows affliction in our lives, nonetheless we know that He has promised to be with us even in the darkest valleys, and He always keeps His promises. May we rest in all of them for His glory!

Sincerely,

The Rosa Family



29th Church Anniversary