



THE
ROSA FAMILY
Serving the Lord in Spain



Ministry Trip to Jerez de la Frontera

On our last letter we asked you to pray for the possibility of going to Jerez de la Frontera in southern Spain to help our son-in-law Daniel Norwood in his missionary work. The Lord answered that prayer, and we went there with a little group from our church. It was the first weekend of May, and we helped passing out tracts and getting the church building ready for its opening that same Sunday. Some other pastors from other cities of Spain came, and some visitors from Jerez heard the Gospel preached. We thank the Lord for the protection He gave us during the trip, that is 12 hours drive from our town approximately. Let us pray for this newborn church, and for the testimony and light the Norwoods are giving in that part of Spain.



Inauguration service at Jerez Baptist Church



The group from Mataró at the church entrance in Jerez

«Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.»

2 Timothy 2:15

The Utmost Importance of Studying God's Word

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Warm Christian greetings from Spain! We are glad to be back with you to share what God is doing in this corner of the world. He never stops working and blessing, and we are so thankful to be part of His team together with you.

One great blessing that comes to my mind as I write this letter is the renewed interest that I am observing among some men and women in our church to study the Bible. As Paul said, it is necessary to study the *Word of Truth* to live a life that God approves, to be a Christian that is not ashamed of what he or she believes, and to be able to explain and share with others what God says in His Word. Therefore, we all must be active and constant students of the Bible!

Another great blessing that the Lord granted to my wife and I was a trip to Germany on the occasion of our 25th wedding anniversary on June 9th. We visited many historical sites where Martin Luther lived and worked. Back then, it was the study of Scriptures that enlightened Luther to find salvation in Christ, to stand before Emperor Charles V to defend what the Bible says, and to make God's Word understandable and closer to common people. Certainly, **we all must study the Bible!**



City of Worms - Spot where Luther stood in front of the Emperor

Many Activities in July

- **Saturday, July 4th - Ladies Special Meeting** - This special meeting was the ending activity for the weekly Bible study for ladies led by my wife Francina. A good number of ladies have been studying the epistle of James, which has been both a blessing and a challenge for their Christian lives. For this final event, my wife invited Missionary Schumayk Moyano to bring the Bible message.



- **Sunday, July 5th - Preaching Opportunity for Young Men taking Bible Courses** - Four young men from our congregation delivered a 10-minute sermon each during the evening service. It was the first time for all of them to preach from the pulpit. This activity was part of a Homiletics course they are taking with me. We thank the Lord for their desire and willingness to serve God in this way, and we pray that they will continue studying God's Word faithfully, getting more and more prepared to "*rightly divide the word of truth*" (2 Ti. 2:15).

- **Sunday, July 26th - XIV Annual Recital** - The Lord is so good, allowing us to have this very special event again! It was a great blessing to hear small children and young people sing and play, and whole families singing and praising God with the talents and voices He has given us. There were many visitors, most of them from other churches, and the Lord led me to preach on the need to be alert against the laxity that has permeated many churches concerning music, and hence, to be watchful of the music we allow in our congregation and in our lives. At the end of the recital I handed out a testimonial Certificate of Completion to the adults that are taking Bible Courses in our church.

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Praises & Prayer Requests:

- Francina and I are very thankful to the Lord for these 25 years of marriage He has given us, and for our children and grandchildren. We praise Him for His faithfulness in providing for every need, both in our home and in the ministry. He is a merciful and generous God!

- We also praise the Lord for His help and blessing upon our son Manel over these last four years. He just graduated from university with a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Engineering. He has already enrolled for an online Master's Degree, as he would like to work while he continues his Computer studies. Please, pray that more than anything else, his desire will be to live for the Lord.

- Please pray for two teens in our church that some months ago expressed their desire to be baptized, Isaac (13) and Lucas (15). Through these months I have been giving them a Bible study on Baptism to make sure they understand the step they want to take. They just finished it last week, so they will be baptized very soon. Let's pray for them and their spiritual growth.

- The Lord is giving strength to the Mendoza family after the loss of their son Obed; they have a wonderful testimony among us. Yet, let us keep praying for them, that they will find their comfort in the Lord when sadness comes to their hearts.

Closing Words

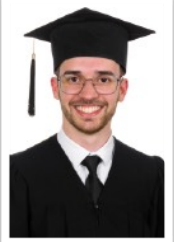
Once more, we can only say "Thank you" for being at our side; you are part of God's provision and blessing to us. May we never forget, though, that His greatest provision for His people resides in His Word. Let us draw upon its bountiful riches!

Sincerely,

The Rosa Family



Wartburg Castle - Luther translated the NT here



Students taking Bible courses
(+3 not pictured)



XIV Recital participants