



**June 2019**

Last April, we had our deputation in Northern Ireland, where Teo took his first steps to the sound of the bagpipes. (According to Manuel, this is due to his Celtic genes ... hahaha.) Since that moment, there has been no stopping him; every day he is more handsome and more active.

The typical spring season with many Dutch touring groups has ended and we have returned to our normal flow, though we continue to receive visits from brothers and sisters from different countries throughout the year.

Our work is increasing in the summertime since this year we expect to receive two groups of young people: one from 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> July and the EMF Go Europe team, from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> August. Both groups will be focused on reaching youth and families with children. We hope that, as in previous years, the City Council will work with us and that we will have access to the public places where the activities will take place. We are still in the middle of working out these practical issues. As always, we will use radio messages, digital press, posters, and personal invitations to advertise and promote these campaigns.

Sadly, the Hammond family return to the United States this June, after being with us the last three years. The idea was to stay longer in Spain, but it is impossible to do so for reasons of a personal nature. We are going to miss them so much. As you know, Ryan was performing the duties of an elder, waiting to be formally ordained and Laura was a great help in the area of worship music. We are also going to miss their children a lot, especially their kindness and affection. They will take a bit of our hearts with them...

Isaac Berrocal and his family, will join us on 19<sup>th</sup> June. Please pray for their adaptation to a new setting and for a fruitful partnership.

When we returned from Northern Ireland, we were surprised to find that our dear sister, Julia Lopez, had been admitted to an elderly care home due to her advanced Alzheimer's. A few weeks ago, we went to visit her but she did not recognize us. Despite the sadness of these circumstances, our consolation is that even if she forgets the church or the Lord, the Lord will never forget her.

Since shortly before Easter, both Alba and I have been writing articles in the religion section in the digital press of the city (Almuñécar Digital). There has been no censorship, so it has been a very useful instrument for the preaching of the Gospel. Some of the articles have been read by more than four hundred people. We are happy to have this kind of presence in this medium, as we have had for years in different local radio stations.

Please pray:

- For the pastoral family, for energy to keep up with Teo (we are taking vitamins!)
- For evangelism teams, permits, and all the work involved (meals, lodging, etc.). And for contacts to be established so we can continue in personal evangelism.
- For the Hammond family, to find a house in the United States and a church where they can continue to grow and with which they can serve.
- For Isaac and Rachel Berrocal and their children, for their moving and their ministry among us.
- For Julia Lopez; may the Lord take care of her.
- For our articles published in the city press, radio programs, and local authorities; may the Lord continue to open doors for us to reach many with the Gospel.

Yours in His grace,

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