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## Dear Brothers,

Today is Thursday 5th June, 82 days since the confinement began. On June 1st we entered phase 2 of deconfinement. Step by step we are moving forward in recovering our "normality".

We were able to have our first service in the church on May 24th. Now we are allowed to use 50% of the capacity, keeping the social distance and wearing a mask. It was a great blessing to see the brethren and to worship God together again, but also something strange in these conditions. Thank God the members of the church are all well.

Camila Kelly, another 16-year-old Brazilian student who needed a host family, has been with us for the past month and will stay with us until the end of June. She is a believer but needs to strengthen her faith more.

We continue to work as usual, and more so, recording our daily devotional, which is sent to both church members and many acquaintances who are now more open to hearing from the Word of God. We have been able to renew the radio programmes, updating the content with messages according to this situation.

We have had several opportunities to participate in the Zoom prayer meetings of Ballyalbany Presbyterian Church in Northern Ireland (12th May), London City Presbyterian Church (27th May), and Stranmillis Presbyterian Church in Belfast (3rd June).

We expect a year with very few visits from foreigners in the church, which will affect us negatively and we had different projects underway, some of which were cancelled, such as the Go Europe Team (the youth group for the summer evangelism outreach) and some personal issues such as our move, which we do not know if we will be able to carry out.

We have noticed that in the last few months the contributions of our supporters to the mission have decreased notably, so we would like to pray also for their economies and families, since most of those who help us are individuals and they are surely suffering the consequences of this crisis as well. Almuñécar is a very small congregation and unfortunately, we are very dependent. We would love to be able to find some churches that would like to support the work here on a regular basis.

## Please, remember us in prayer:

- So that we can develop the services as naturally as possible and all the members of the church and visitors can be added safely.
- So that we can see results from what we have been sowing especially during these two and a half months: radio programmes, daily devotionals and the sermons on social networks.

- For the families in the U.K. who have faithfully supported us for years and are now suffering the consequences of this crisis, so that they can enjoy health and recover economically.
- For new churches, and individuals who can make a medium-term commitment to the work of the gospel in Almuñécar.
- For the weak economy of our congregation.
- For new opportunities this summer to preach and communicate the gospel outside of the church.
- May the Lord give us wisdom to make decisions regarding our personal projects.

In Christ,

Manolo, Alba & Teo

