



Manuel and Alba López Franco

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Dearly beloved,

We hope that you are in good health and enjoying the blessings of the Lord.

After two and a half months living the "new normality", making use of the mask and social distancing, we are seeing how the number of cases of contagion by CORONAVIRUS is growing again here in Spain (almost 4,000 new cases in the last 24 hours).

This situation presents us with a certain uncertainty regarding religious services, the economy of the congregation, even our own family plans.

With regards to our move, given the impossibility of selling Alba's apartment, we have decided that with our current income it is impossible for us to move. On the other hand, in Spain right now there is an open debate about the opening of the schools, due to the resurgence and taking into account the flu campaign that is expected this autumn, so we don't know if Teo will be able to start attending in September.

Maya, Alba's daughter, was unable to work during the entire pandemic and is now afraid that after a month of work, she may be out of her job again. Her personal life is also complicated, and we are very conscious that what she needs most is the Lord.

About the church, we also do not know if there will be any new restrictions on the capacity allowed in the church. This year we have not been able to receive visits from foreigners, which are usually very frequent and numerous throughout a normal year and this affects the small economy of our congregation. We were waiting to restart the rest of the meetings (prayer and women's meetings) for September, but with this situation, we are learning to live up to the day, without being able to make medium-term plans. Nevertheless, the members of our congregation are all well and no one has been affected, thanks be to God.

Despite the current situation, we have a good number of people who meet regularly on Sundays (sometimes even some non-believers) and I am preaching from the book of Acts of the Apostles. We have renewed all the radio programmes (with the help of José de Segovia) and we have begun a new project of distributing food to the neediest in our city. So far, we have been able to help 32 families. We have had a meeting with the local authorities to find ways of working together on this issue. In two weeks, we will have another meeting where we will specify what role the church can play.

As we have already mentioned in some letters, we are waiting for a family that wants to move to Almuñécar in November. Oleidy is a Venezuelan paediatrician, married to Erik, a Dutch teacher, and they just had their first baby two months ago.

Similarly, on other occasions we have also asked for prayer for José Najarro, the grandson of one of the ladies of the church. He has problems with drugs and two weeks ago I took him to a Christian rehabilitation center.

PLEASE, PRAY FOR:

- Our family and especially for Teo and the conversion of Maya.
- The congregation, its meetings and its finances.
- Radio programmes, food distribution and visits by non-believers.
- Erik, Oleidy and Hanna and their move to Spain.
- José Najarro, for his conversion.



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