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Dear Friends,

Spring and the good weather are beginning and we hope that with the progressive vaccination of the population, we will be able to recover some normality. As a church, we miss being able to do activities outside the church premises, in the street, parks, the beach and the street market. We have left the distribution of New Testaments in schools and high schools halfway through and we don't know if we will be able to do the summer outreach this summer.

Teo has taken up swimming lessons again and has also recently started BMX (a type of bicycle). From the middle of March, he will start at a new school, with a British teacher, so that he can communicate in English better than his parents, hahaha. Manuel's asthma is much better, thank God, but he still has problems with sinusitis and Alba managed to go to see her parents and daughter last month after many months without being able to see each other, so it was a joy for everyone.

Regarding the church, we continue to have new visitors. Of the three people we mentioned from the previous letter in January, only Ulises has persevered, who attends all the meetings and shows great interest in the gospel. We have also been visited by a couple who have had some contact with the church but are not currently attending any: Trinidad and Antonio. Also, a young man, Eduardo, who had previously visited a church even though he was Catholic and his mother, Fatima, who was visiting an evangelical church for the first time and both showed a desire to return.

We started the first men's meeting last February. Initially it will be once a month, but it was a really good meeting and the men really enjoyed it, so we will probably be able to do it more regularly.

We continue with the distribution of food, from which 23 families are benefiting. This project is obviously related to our love for our neighbour, with the desire that some or all of them could know the gospel.

We are planning to start an activity for children with their parents (with limited seating and safety precautions). We are still working on the programme, but the idea is to teach English in a fun way and with a biblical message. It will take place in the church premises and will be run by some American brothers who live here.

As for the radio project, we need to renew the programmes and we want to be broadcasting short messages during Easter related to the last week of Christ's earthly ministry.

Among the families who had the desire to come, Erik, Oleidy and their baby Hannah, are trying to make an appointment to get their papers sorted out in April. As you know, she is a paediatrician and was offered a job in the regional hospital, but everything was put on hold because of her pregnancy and then because of the pandemic.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- The pastoral family: for Teo to settle well into his new school; to continue encouraged in the work, healthy and by the conversion of Maya.
- More people (families and churches) interested to support the work in Almuñécar through EMF.
- For the conversion of Ulises and the other people who have been visiting us lately and that the Lord will bring new families with children.
- For the men's meeting (in the first meeting there were two non-believing men), that it may be for the edification of believers and the conversion of non-believers.
- Please pray for the 23 families who receive food twice a month, that they may know the Lord and He may supply them in their deepest need, that of salvation.
- For the new children's activities project, that it will be a tool that will bring us into contact with more families in a natural way and bear fruit.
- Continue to pray for the radio, for new programmes that will awaken interest and curiosity about the Gospel and the church. Especially for the Easter messages.
- For the family of Erik and Oleidy, that they can quickly solve all the bureaucratic procedures they need to be able to come to live in Almuñécar.

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