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Dear Friends,

We are on the verge of summer and vaccination in Spain is progressing fast and you can see that life is getting more or less back to normal. Manuel has already received his first vaccine from Pfizer and on 17th of this month he will receive his second dose.

We do not expect to receive many foreign visitors to the church this summer, nor do we believe that this is the time for street evangelism, because of the social distancing that still exists, although it seems that the use of the mask in open spaces will soon be discontinued, as it is still in place.

Teo is enjoying the change of school and his first language is English, although at home we have already started to speak to him in Spanish so that he can communicate with his grandparents and his friends. Alba has published her first Christian story for children, written and illustrated by herself, entitled "El pajarito que tenía miedo a volar" (The little bird who was afraid to fly), which is already sold on Amazon in different languages (Spanish, English, French, German and Portuguese, and soon also in Dutch). She has also had the opportunity to share it with many non-believing mothers and we think it can also be a good evangelistic tool. For his part, Manuel has received a proposal from the church in his hometown to write a book about the 100-year history of the congregation, to be published on its 100th anniversary (1924-2024). The founder of the church and his wife belonged to a British missionary organisation and she was a British citizen.

Concerning the church and visits, Ulysses has been coming until a couple of weeks ago. We do not rule out that he is under pressure from those closest to him to stop attending and we know he had his struggles as well. As a result of the food distribution, another young man, Lucas, has started coming and another lady has also shown a desire to do so. Luke faithfully attends the men's meetings and from time to time the prayer meeting and Sunday worship. A woman named Susan, who is the niece of the evangelical prison chaplain in Granada, has also started to come. Although she knew about the gospel, she had never attended a church before and is very lively, coming on Sundays and to the women's meetings. Another woman who has also started attending church, but can only come two Sundays a month, is Lizette, a South American woman from a Pentecostal background.

Once again, just when we thought that the Food Distribution project was coming to an end due to lack of resources, we have received an offering from a Dutch church that will allow this project to continue until the end of the year.

The activity of the English classes for children has five non-believing families attending, most of them Teo's friends. For us it is already an achievement to get them into the church and try to break down prejudices and barriers.

Last Holy Week, the radio was broadcasting each day a message telling chronologically the most important events that happened to Christ during that week. We need to renew the programmes again and we are thinking about how to do it.

Finally, in this month of June, we have with us the Locht family, Erik, Oleidy and little Hannah, who are already preparing everything they need for their upcoming move in September. She hopes to be able to start working at the hospital before the end of the year.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- The pastoral family: that the Lord may continue to give us wisdom in the education of Teo, that he may know the Lord in his tender infancy, that the Lord may use for his glory the children's story that Alba has made.
- More people (families and churches) interested to support the work in Almuñécar through EMF.
- For the conversion of the people who visit us and for the Lord to bring new families with children.
- For the Food Bank, so that it can be a tool that can bring some to the feet of the Lord.
- That the Lord may give us wisdom in renewing the content of radio programmes.
- For the family of Erik and Oleidy, for this last stage of their move to Almuñécar.

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