



Jack & Joy Loveday

Baptist Missionaries to **SPAIN**

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Dear Pastor and Church family,

Counting our December blessings. Pastor Nerio Gil and his wife, Aída were with us for a Sunday night service. He pastors a Baptist church in Venezuela. Hearing his testimony of the difficulties they face brought so much sadness to our hearts! They cannot pass out tracts because they have none and no paper to print them on either. They have stopped using their pickup truck to bring children for church as there is no money to buy gas and no gas available. He did share that he and his wife have a large garden and fruit trees where they live next door to the church. On Sunday mornings they open the church doors for services and then open the gate to their garden so their people can eat during the week! Many Venezuelans are now just eating one meal a day. Bro. Nerio and his wife were such a blessing and their joy in the Lord was huge, even in the midst of so many trials. Please pray for Venezuela.

We also had a special Christmas service celebrating the birth of our Savior with special music and a time of fellowship afterwards. We didn't have as many visitors as we have in the past, but the Gospel was preached and we had one unsaved lady visit.

New year, new blessings. We began the year with a meal at church on New Year's eve with a mother and her unsaved son (from Honduras) joining us. We also rejoice as Elisabet (mom) and her 16 year old son, Alex, returned to Spain from Bolivia. They have been gone for 2 years and due to a health problem, decided to return to Spain. We are so glad to have them back and pray that God will provide Elisabet with a job. In the photos below you will see some pictures of other activities we've been involved in these past few months.

Ladies meeting. We began our ladies meeting again, but have moved it to a monthly meeting on Saturday afternoons. At our first class we had 8 ladies (one of them a visitor) and have begun a verse by verse study of the book of Ephesians. We had a good Bible study and a sweet time of fellowship afterwards. Please pray for our ladies to be able to grow in their knowledge and in obedience to the Word.

Health update. During the first week of December, I had to take Joy to the ER after she broke out in a skin rash and began to have trouble breathing! Two weeks later, we were back at the ER with the same problem. This was accompanied by an eye infection which required antibiotic shots, causing another allergic reaction! In January we've dedicated several days to see the allergist to discover she has a strong allergy to a kind of pine tree all over Spain, but that wasn't the problem. Also had an MRI (lungs) and saw the pulmonologist to discover that the lungs were normal, but not bringing enough oxygen into her blood, and not the problem. As of today, we still have no answers, as the allergic reactions continue, but praise the Lord they are not affecting her lungs. We would appreciate your prayers that God would allow us to discover what is wrong so she can be restored in her health.

Thank you so much for your faithfulness. Please pray for the salvation of Pedro, Emiliano, Esperanza and so many others who we continue to share Christ with. We look forward with you to God's work to see souls saved and in each of our lives in the coming months. May our lives bring glory to His name in 2019!

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**Pastor Nerio and Aida Gil
from Venezuela**



**Anneth (middle) with the mom and son
she invited to the New Year's eve meal.**



**María, our oldest member,
turned 90 years old in
December.**



**Special Christmas music by
our quartet**



**Joy was invited to speak at a sister-church and
took four of our ladies with her**