

THE ROSA FAMILY



- SERVING THE LORD IN SPAIN -



Visit to a small congregation in Vielha (Pyrenees mountains)

During this month of July the Lord gave us the opportunity to visit a small congregation in the city of Vielha (North of Catalonia). Pastor Miguel Castañeda invited me to preach there and encourage the few Christians that were able to attend. Most of them are immigrants from South America or China who work for the tourism sector. Many times it is difficult for them to adapt to the work schedules and hard weather conditions, but the congregation is growing, and soon will move to a larger facility.



Pastor Miguel and his family in Vielha



The congregation in Vielha

“And let us consider one to another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”

Hebrews 10:24-25

Back to “...the assembling of ourselves together”!

Dear praying supporters and friends,

We are very glad to greet you again, with the good news that we were able to reopen our church building and celebrate our Sunday morning service there! We did it with all the safety measures prescribed by the government (masks, hand sanitizer, safety distance, and so on). Even so, it was such a great blessing to be assembled together, praising the Lord with our songs and our prayers, and sharing the Word of God with the brothers and sisters we hadn't seen face-to-face for more than three months!

We really see that “*the day [is] approaching*”, so we need to be alert and follow the directions to “*consider one to another to provoke unto love and to good works: [...] exhorting one another*”. We thank the Lord for the technological means we had during the confinement to keep in touch with the congregation, but being together in person is a whole lot better, and it is what the Lord commands.



Back to the church pulpit

Sermons and Bible Institute Class on “Why we sing hymns and not Christian pop-rock songs”

During the confinement the Lord led me to preach on this topic, seeing that the music used by the local churches has great influence on their spiritual strength or decay. Following this, we have started a Bible Institute class on the History of Christian Hymns, so that we can acquire a better appreciation of our hymns' legacy. We pray that the Lord will use these initiatives to help our church in Mataró to stand firm and faithful to Him in this deceitful time.



Discipleship Course & Book Club

Our young students continue steadily with this course. It is so good to see them going through the lessons and memorizing the required Bible verses! For “older” students we have a book club, with 12 participants. Right now we are reading a commentary on the book of Daniel by C. H. Mackintosh.

Yet, we continue having our Sunday evening service, midweek prayer meeting, and Ladies Bible study via Zoom. Only the Sunday morning service and the Bible Institute are face-to-face, even though they are transmitted through Internet for those who want to follow them from home.

Prayer Answers & Requests:

- We ask you to pray for our congregation in Mataró. After these three months of confinement we see how Satan is looking for ways to make his inroads in our church by the means of excessive fear of the Covid, hence causing some disagreement about the reopening of the church. Pray that the Lord will give us unity in this and other matters.

- Let us pray for unsaved relatives of church members who are in constant contact with the Truth. In our last report we mentioned Mariano, Teófil and Ana María. Please add two other names: Arturo, unsaved husband and father, and José, who made profession of faith and was baptized many years ago, but now he is away from the Lord. Yet, he sees to it that his old mother doesn't miss any service.

- We thank the Lord that our daughter María goes on with the MS treatment, and she is doing quite well. Please pray for Fanny, who lately has been in pain due to her cancer.

One more time, thank you very much for your support, both spiritual and financial. May we all be working and waiting for the Lord, *“and so much the more, as [we] see the day approaching”*.

Serving with you,
The Rosa family



The congregation keeping the safety distance

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