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Live the life you were meant to live in Jesus Christ!

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Several churches have asked me to preach in recent weeks, and the theme is that the life of Jesus more than saves us. It flows through us and overflows to others. The introduction includes some reflections on "retirement". I prefer the Spanish word: "jubilación". I asked an elderly gentleman a few weeks ago, one who has had a full life of serving Jesus, what "jubilación" means to him. He said it comes from the word "júbilo". Some synonyms, in English: joy, contentment, enthusiasm. That describes how we want to live moving forward!



The process of finishing well in Spain includes turning ministries over to others. Miguel Castillo will take over my coordination of coaches for church

planters. Pray for Miguel as he accompanies his brother in the last stages of cancer in Mexico. Yesterday, in our home, there was a meeting of a church planting team from the city of Cáceres to introduce their new coach, Willem. Kay was a wonderful hostess! I've also had several final meetings as supervisor of TEAM missionaries this month.

Another important transition is the discipleship of our friend Luis. David Rodriguez will take over and has been meeting with us as we continue Bible studies on basic Christianity. Luis battles depression, even more as their family is moving to another apartment this week. We are hoping to baptize Luis at the end of August and invite friends and family from around our town. Luis' wife, Adela, has said that she would not attend. Pray that we'll have an opportunity to share with her about why it is essential for Luis to follow Jesus, and her as well.



Kay and I have been visiting places that have been special to us. This week it was Madrid. We've come to enjoy just walking through the city and encountering little surprises. This flamenco dancer would play her castanets and dance as people passed and put coins in a box. Madrid is full of street artists like this, everything from living statues to musicians. One man was playing crystal goblets, another an accordion. We've heard some great free concerts!

God has been good to us each place we've lived and we are looking forward to what He has for us as we move to Wisconsin in September. Thank you to those who have helped financially with our resettlement expenses, things are looking much better than a couple of months ago.

Thanks for praying with us,

Mark and Kay