

PRAYER SUPPORT LETTER FOR FRANCIS AND NATHALIE ARJONA

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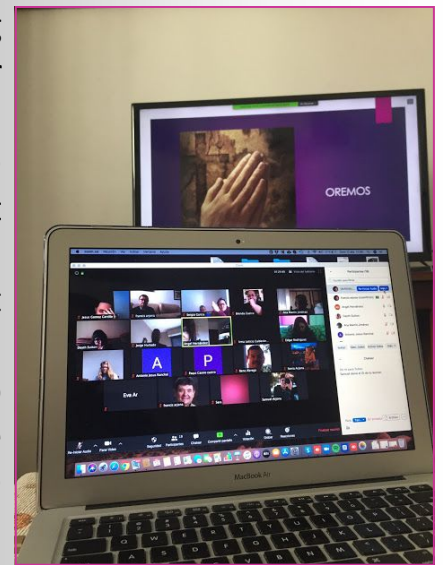
Just a few days after sending our last bulletin, an urgent confinement alert was declared. In just a couple of days, our pace of life changed, many plans were cut short, trips and activities had to be cancelled, and so forth.

That doesn't mean we've stopped ministering; what we've done is adapt to keep working!

The first thing was reorganizing **the church**, having prayer meetings, Bible studies and worship services via Zoom. We thank God for these internet media!

What encourages us a lot is that people are attending (online) who don't usually come to church! On Thursdays we've been studying Paul's letter to the Philippians, and we're delighted to have more people than usual, especially a couple who live in Almadén (about an hour's drive from Pozoblanco). They have testified of how good these meetings have been for them, and how they are drawing near to God and growing spiritually.

We have also divided the church into support groups of 4 – 5 people each who regularly call each other on the phone, to make sure everyone is doing well.



The other day, a woman who works for the Pozoblanco town government whom we have known for 30 years, asked Francis for a cross (like the one he usually wears), very urgently. After speaking with her, it turned out that she is a descendant of four generations of evangelical Christians, and that she went to church as a little girl. Francis took her a Bible and a cross; **let's trust and pray that she will turn to the Lord as she reads it!**



Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God. (Psalm 43:5)

In these times of uncertainty and sadness because of all that is happening in our world, we can only **HOPE** in God, trust and put our lives in His hands. Amen!



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Francis volunteered to hand out personal protection equipment to social and medical centers in the area north of Córdoba (homes for the elderly and invalids, our own Good Samaritan Center, etc.) All this is coordinated by the Pozoblanco Hospital. He also gives out face masks made by a team of volunteers. Those who receive these materials are very grateful!



Also, we continue to care for needy families through the Dorcas program. Some stores in the area, and individuals such as the mayor of Pozoblanco, are donating food or money so that we might take basic products to their homes, with the help of some members of the church.



Meanwhile, I, Nathalie, continue my administrative work from home and also am part of a group of ladies in Añora (the town where we live) that sew masks—we have now made more than six thousand of them!

It is a privilege to serve the community in this way, and we thank God for the new van, which is quite useful now!

Francis's mother has Covid-19, she is isolated in her assisted living home, and is on oxygen. She is in stable condition now; **please pray that she might be healed!** She is 83 years old.

The rest of the family is doing well, each one sheltering in their own place (Holland, Australia and Madrid). We gather "virtually" online from time to time, to share some family moments, laugh and encourage each other, as I am sure many of you are doing also.

At the rehabilitation center, we have taken precautions and put in place the usual prudent measures, but everything there is going well. They aren't much inconvenienced by the changes and can continue with their routine.

Brothers and sisters, let's keep moving forward in faith, and take advantage of the opportunities that this situation is offering us to share the love of God.

May God bless and keep you!