



# PRAYER SUPPORT LETTER FOR FRANCIS & NATHALIE ARJONA

August-October 2018

## Visit from a Church from Hollywood (GB)



A group of 15 people, including four children, led by their pastor, Steve, came in August for a week. During the mornings they taught English classes to children and youth from various families in Pozoblanco, and in the afternoons we evangelized in a local park. They also visited the rehabilitation center, and were able to share with the residents. What an excellent testimony of missions involvement as a church, with whole families participating! They also paid for two of the five water storage tanks we need for the center. Many thanks tall!

*"Because God is good  
and His mercy is  
forever!"*

This is what comes to mind when we look back at this year and see what we were able to be involved in this summer.

To God be the glory and the honor!



## Biblical counselling



We ask for prayer for a married couple with two small children in Añora (the village where we live), who have asked us for help to improve their relationship. We meet with them every two weeks, and the conversations have been good. They are reading the Bible together, and they have many questions. Please pray that God will give us wisdom and that He will reveal Himself clearly in their lives.



In case you want to participate to our ministry financially:  
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## Coaching 4 Christ

At the end of August, we were able to hold our **fourth** “**International Days of Soccer**” event. Ten people from the Coaching for Christ group (NI) returned to the towns of Pozoblanco and El Viso. We had official receptions with political authorities, press conferences, and interviews on local TV and radio. During the week, in training sessions with 80 children from Pozoblanco and 45 from El Viso, sports and Biblical principles came together once again as we sought to reach these youths, and impact the future of both towns.



We had a dynamic program: prayer before and after activities in which sports techniques and biblical values were masterfully applied to some good soccer! In the middle of each activity there was a Bible lesson, such as: “Jesus wants to sign us up for his team, and He has focused on us as candidates. We have to play by His rules, guidelines, values and principles. All of it is in a manual called the Bible.”



At the end of the activities, after medals and prizes for the children were awarded, we offered the “Manual of our Values” to all the parents. Incredibly, we were able to give away more than 80 Bibles to those attending, at their own request! Please pray that they might read them, and that God’s Word would have its effect on the hearts of all of them.

One day was dedicated to visiting the rehabilitation center and sharing with the residents how God can change our lives, in spite of our past. And as our custom, we held two prayer vigils in the mountains of our area. You can watch a video about that week : <https://we.tl/t-e1md03mFDV>

## La Plaza

### Church-planting Conference in Madrid, September 13-14

Francis is one of the national leaders of this platform for planting churches in Spain. This year, more than 50 leaders came from all over Spain, and with the participation of French evangelist Raphael Anzenberger, we reflected on and celebrated what God is doing in our country. In Spain, every month, 15 new churches are born. It is calculated that there are some 4,000 Evangelical churches, although there could be as many as 4,300 (we don’t have figures for the Chinese, Korean and Gypsy churches.) This platform has as its objective “promoting relationships among the churches of Spain for the purpose of planting new churches.”





## The Raiders

In 1988, a team of NBA basketball players came to our area. It was quite a revolution for the towns where we were seeking to start a church. Among them were the NBA player, John Block and Al Norquist, a coach. This September—**30 years later!**—they both returned, accompanied by another player, Steve, who is presently pastor of a church in California. With them were Margie (John's wife), Riley (Steve's daughter), and Andy Ortega.

We visited the town of Pozoblanco, did TV interviews with the mayor and sports councilor, and had a meal with former players from Pozoblanco who had played with them. Then, in Peñarroya, they held a clinic, and had a weekend full of encounters renewing their acquaintance with people in the local government, the basketball club and the Evangelical Church. It was a wonderful example of what God can do in the transformed lives of people, who in spite of their sports fame keep affirming, 30 years later, "**Christ changed my life and we should all believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.**" Many thanks, friends, for your passion and commitment after so many years.

## M4 in Catalonia



Taking advantage of Oyvin and Linda Augland's visit to Barcelona, we made progress toward the start of M4 in Catalonia. Over the 2nd and 3rd of October, we held several events. The first was the beginning of the training course for equipping nine interviewers, who will interview future church planters. We held several meetings with M4 Catalonia and with the Catalan Evangelical Council, and then later, two long afternoon and evening meetings with the leadership of churches interested in M4, and with other leaders and youth interested in that process of planting churches.



Both Guillen Correa, general secretary of the Catalan Council, and Oyvin Augland, leader of M4 Europe, as well as Francis, leader for M4 Spain, challenged those present at the meetings. They emphasized the need to pass the baton to the younger generation, to multiply leaders, and the prophetic opportunity to be a voice in the middle of Spain's complicated political, social and spiritual situation. Above all, they underlined the need to begin church-planting groups all over Catalonia, with a message of unity and a bold preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## Family

**As for our family,** we give thanks to God for our children. Eva has a job teaching French in a private school in Madrid. Sonia continues her work and is finishing her masters' degree in restaurant management. Samuel has had many reporting projects to do these last few months; please pray for his future—in November, he will go to Holland to live and work for a season. We are all in good health, and Nathalie will have her next check-up in February of 2019.



**We want to thank you for your support. Without you, we couldn't be involved in those ministries. Blessings to all of you !**