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# THE GOOD SAMARITAN



*Cease striving and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*

*Salmo 46: 10-11*

**Today, May 4th, we have in Spain 217,466 people infected, 118,902 recovered and 25,264 deceased, among them some 16,000 elderly. We have been confined in our homes for more than 49 days. At the beginning, the number of dead kept rising and rising, with hospitals almost overwhelmed and funeral homes “piling up coffins,” incapable of performing so many cremations—it seemed like the Apocalypse had arrived. The only alternative was to seek refuge inside one’s home, at any cost, which we did, both the church and the Association.**

**“God is our refuge and strength...therefore we will not fear, though the earth be removed.”**

## *Help for Nursing and Assisted Living Homes*

Health authorities of our region organized rapidly and requested our help with human and logistical resources. With our almost-new van, in 15 days we drove 1,500 kilometers (± 950 miles) distributing protective equipment—items made by volunteers in Pozoblanco, among them sisters from our church (masks, face shields, PPE gear, etc.)—in 24 nursing and assisted living homes in northern Córdoba.

It would be impossible to calculate the impact of this effort on our Northern Health Zone—the health professionals, public safety employees and volunteers, in order to save lives; all of them carry a heavy burden of stress.

As a Church and Association, we have had health support; they have donated to us everything needed for the Good Samaritan Center. All our residents are healthy, not infected, as are our personnel and all the brothers and sisters of the church. Today, a month and a half later, we feel as though the worst has passed, but we continue

“serving our community with our prayers and actions.”



# Dorcas Program

Our first focus was on health, but right after that we met social needs. Whole families unemployed, shut inside, without resources, children in small dwellings, a very dark panorama. We set our hands to work, and with the volunteers from the Good Samaritan Center and the Evangelical Church, we have on several occasions now cared for 237 persons. The faces of the families look like those of the directors of the nursing homes: grateful, tremendously appreciative of the support received. We want to emphasize that most of the foods distributed are paid for by the local government, headed by its mayor—Santiago Cabello—who has donated his entire salary for as long as the pandemic lasts. The local government has also created a relief fund in our town, to purchase such items and deal with related needs. Additionally, several businesses are donating basic food products to us to distribute. We can see that the situation may last over a year. And to all this work, we can add the spreading of God's Word—now many people want to talk about spiritual topics.



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**Everything collected will be put toward meeting physical and spiritual needs.**

# Confinement at the Good Samaritan Center

## The Experience at the Rehabilitation Center During the Quarantine2020

feels like a full year already! I make this analysis looking back at the past. I never thought that what was happening in an Asian country, at such a great distance, was going to affect all the nations of the world, Europe, Spain, Andalusia, Cordoba, Pozoblanco and especially the Good Samaritan Center. I know that my mental reach is limited compared to the breadth of God's sovereign plan. The impact that Covid-19 has had upon Spanish society has been devastating. Nevertheless, at the rehabilitation center, God has shown His love toward all of us who work with those people, people to whom society itself has denied the right to rebuild their life in a healthy and productive way. Since March 14th, when the government decreed the state of emergency, the men of the Center have not been able to go to town, to the evangelical church of Pozoblanco, nor to visit their families, a situation which has produced in the residents a collective feeling of being overwhelmed, sad and worried about their families. Nevertheless, Jesus' hand has been evident, giving wisdom to each one as to how to display civil and moral responsibility for their social and spiritual health, and to act prudently during the pandemic. God's faithfulness in evidence towards our entity:

- 1- We are working at the same level as the local institutions of public health.
- 2- We made a contingency plan in consensus with public health authorities.
- 3- The Northern Health Zone donated protective equipment to us.
- 4- Rapid tests were done on all our personnel and residents, and the results were negative for all concerned.
- 6- The Center adopted the measures of prevention stipulated by the government.
- 7- At the spiritual level, we continue with our daily devotionals and Sunday worship services.

**FOR ALL OF THAT, WE THANK OUR  
LORD JESUS CHRIST FOR HIS CARE AND PROTECTION!**



**René Abrego**

# Maasai Project



One at-risk collective are the girls who are victims of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). Although the practice goes back many years, it is performed primarily on the African continent, specifically in Tanzania, among the Maasai population. A group of Christians led by pastor Markos, well known in that place, is carrying out rescues of girls at risk of suffering FGM. The girls' parents, by cultural and religious tradition, perform that practice so that their daughters might be recognized as women ready for marriage between 12 and 14 years old, and if there are many daughters the procedure tends to be done on all of them around 8 years of age.

Recently, information about the health risks of FGM has come to the girls' attention, and many flee from their homes. They have found refuge with pastor Markos, who upon seeing the need founded a center that seeks to meet all the girls' needs, for which he is requesting help on an international level from persons willing to support the project.

The Good Samaritan Association helps support it by channeling donations from within and beyond Spain toward the project.

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# Testimony of Antonio



My name is Antonio Cuadra Jiménez. I have been in the Good Samaritan program for eight-and-a-half months, and since I've been here it has changed my spiritual life, my way of thinking is more positive and peaceful, I have had less anger, and everything has worked for my good. The hardest part was at the beginning, the first months, where I couldn't see my son or my parents; I couldn't even call them, and that was hard. Now that we've been in this time of confinement, the truth is that here there is space, and we can go outside, it's not the same as being closed up in an apartment, but it's also hard not to go to church or be able to have a weekend pass to see our families. I worry about my parents, who are older and have some illnesses. Although there have been some changes during this time, here at the Center we have followed our routines, there is space to move around and go out, although I miss going to church, to the doctor or going out with my son. Regarding my future, I have doubts about some things, but they are getting clearer and clearer, I am stronger, I am more conscious about my age and what I want to do, that life must be different from what it was before entering the Good Samaritan Center. I feel well and I am preparing for whatever may come.



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