

Greetings from a chilly corner of Northern Spain!

Our new address for those who have been asking is:

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We have internet access at last , and electricity, which is making things a lot easier. Thus I am able to post some fotos of our progress with the house and be in contact again after some months of isolation. We have been working very hard as you can see from the photographs and there is some semblance of normality and order coming into our home at last, at least we have now a reasonable kitchen to retreat into after battling with mud, dust and stone in our daily tasks! Cleaning up has become a permanent feature in the challenge of living in a construction site, and I think Dorothea has the worst of it but she is getting excited about how things are coming together.

The Pilgrims are still coming past although reduced to a trickle, and every time we see them we look forward to the time when we can offer accommodation and begin to reach out to them with the good news. Next year is a very special year for the pilgrimage as the Catholic church has offered a "special indulgence" to those who do it, and hundreds of thousands more pilgrims than normal are expected, so we hope we can do the "refugio" before the summer so as to be able to reach out to these people. If you want to know what an "indulgence" is , and the beliefs of Catholics in general , there is no better summary than that compiled by the late Keith Green in his "Catholic Chronicles" which I have attached above. Remember also that one of the principal reasons for the Protestant reformation was the sale of Indulgences. Briefly, acquiring an indulgence from the Catholic church for doing a Pilgrimage is supposed to subtract days from Purgatory. The hindus have the same doctrine, and visit shrines and temples to store up merit for salvation.

I am also helping now with teaching a small group of ex catholics on Saturday afternoons. This group is connected to the Assemblies of God in Zamora where Bill Jackson and his wife Dianne are pastors. They have been here for twenty years or so , and are busy all over Spain with budding churches composed mainly of South American immigrants. The Spanish nationals are much more resistant to the gospel , although the small group I am busy with are mainly local people, which is quite a

miracle. Please pray for this little group of Christians, a small island of believers in an ocean of superstition and apostasy.

The girls are busy with their Home schooling, and thank God we have heard no more from the Education Department. I am so grateful for the Christian curriculum which we use, as opposed to the Godless humanism which is being propagated by the European Government. Recently a Spanish parent succeeded in forcing their school to remove the cross from the classroom by going to the European Courts, and this has been recognised as a landmark judgement for the whole of Europe. That, and the election of a European president seem to signify that the anti Christ spirit is on the rise and we must be vigilant.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support, please do remember us as we go into a cold winter in a half finished house! We appreciate so much all your contributions which are helping us to establish here a presence of The Lord.

"I will not give sleep to my eyes, or slumber to my eyelids , until I find a place for the Lord, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob"
(Psalm 132 . 4,5)

May the Lord bless you,

Yours , Craig and Dorothea and Francesca and Ursula.