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# PRAYER LETTER

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## “...BUT THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD WILL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH...” (IS 40.31)

Beloved brothers and partners in the work of the Lord:

We hope that this Christmas you've opportunity to enjoy in the company of family and church, and we wish for that you'd live this new year in the Lord's strength.

We want, once again, to express our gratitude for your prayers and financial support, which are living proof, on one hand, of God's faithfulness, and on the other, of your love for the Lord and zeal for the gospel to reach everyone. We pray that God will fill you with joy as you participate in this important task.

### HAPPENINGS

In our August letter, we asked you to pray for Rosa, a woman who lives in Alcaudete, a town 25 km away. We shared that we were meeting with her regularly to study the Word. Well, our prayers have been answered. Last month she took a step of faith to put her life in the Lord's hands. We continue to have weekly Bible studies and she is hungry to know about the Lord. She has also started attending the Sunday services. We thank the Lord for his work in Rosa's life and we continue to put her in His hands.



### OPPORTUNITIES



Abel continues to enjoy teaching the ethics classes at the Faculty of Theology, and as the Lord gives opportunity, to minister to students through personal relationships and advice.

Opportunities often arise over Christmas to share the gospel. Abel has had opportunities in the Peña Barcelonista

(Barcelona Fans Club) and Rafi in her English class. These opportunities are such a boost of encouragement for both of us!! We pray that the Holy Spirit will do his work in the hearts of those who heard.

## Prayer Points:

- Thank the Lord for Rosa and pray for the wisdom to guide her in her spiritual growth, as well as for her health (she has a herniated disc).
- Give thanks for the opportunities to share testimony, praying that the Lord would bring fruit from these encounters.
- Thank God for our grandchildren growing and developing. May God keep them and give guidance to their parents in order to raise them well.
- Pray our son, Samuel, and Son-in-law, Marcus, as the face unemployment and job seeking.
- Pray for Cícero y Vera, new missionaries with ECM from Brazil. Pray for their language learning and immersion in the Spanish culture.
- For Abel's Master of Theology thesis. This year, God willing, Abel will begin his project. Pray that the Lord would give him wisdom in the process and that it would be successfully completed.
- Pray for the journey to Australia, for the preparations, all that we will be doing and for travelling mercies.

## FAMILY

Thanks to the Lord we have been able to spend the Christmas with our children and grandchildren. With great satisfaction we have welcomed into the family our second grandchild, Marcus, to our daughter, Estefania, and her husband, Marcus. Little Marcos, is now three months old. We thank God that all is going well. Valentina, the daughter of our son Samuel and his wife Natalia, is also growing fast and both of them are causing their grandparents to "go gaga".

Our son Samuel is still out of work. In addition, Marcos, Estefania's husband, recently also lost his job. Please pray for them as their situation is very difficult, especially in Samuel's case.



## CHANGES IN THE TEAM

Cícero and Vera, a young Brazilian missionary couple with ECM, have just arrived in Alcalá. They will be studying the language and immersing themselves in the Spanish culture during the next months. We pray that the Lord will keep fervent their desire to share the Gospel with Spaniards and strengthen them in the moments when they miss their families and their country. We also ask for prayer God to give us wisdom to be supportive for them.



## JOURNEY TO AUSTRALIA

Lord willing, at the end of January we will be traveling to Australia. We will have the opportunity to meet and personally thank those who have been supporting our ministry for many years. We are very excited about the trip, but also a little nervous. We also have lots to do to get everything ready. Please pray for the Lord to help us in everything and also for our previous colleagues, Brett and Ruth Richardson, and the Australian Director, Matt George, who are preparing our trip itinerary.