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Dear Friends,

Lamentations 3:22-23 (NASB) says: "The LORD's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is

Your faithfulness." I recently preached *Lamentations* in the Old Testament survey we're doing on Sundays. Right in the center of a 5-chapter lament over the destruction of Jerusalem, is a powerful declaration of **God's mercies** ("The LORD's lovingkindnesses"), **goodness** ("His compassions") and **faithfulness** ("great is Your faithfulness"). All these blessings are found in Jesus Christ, and are true even when our circumstances are hard or tragic. God is always good and is always there for us, even in the hard times! May that truth bless you!!

Puebla del Río Church. Things at church are "*sweet and sour*". We need Lam. 3:22-23 to keep our focus. Let's see the "*sweet*" first! We're seeing **new growth**, with 25-30 people on Sundays (see photo). A Colombian family who came from Germany, has come since February. Their 14 yr. old daughter prayed to receive Christ in Sunday school on May 18th. We're still trying to reach her unsaved father for Christ. A 25 yr. old lady who came on May 11th, prayed to trust in Christ at Thurs. Prayer meeting on May 15th, and hasn't missed church since. A 30 yr. old man who



trusted in Christ in Jan. 2023, has completed 2 courses at the Seville Theological Seminary this semester. He's growing in Christ, and has shared the devotional twice at Thurs. prayer meetings! We had 2 church picnics (April & May), 2 home fellowship groups (Mar. & May, see photo), 2 men's brunches (see photo), and 2 ladies' meetings. So there are some "*sweet*" things at church, besides the regular Sunday-Thursday services, and the Tuesday Bible study!

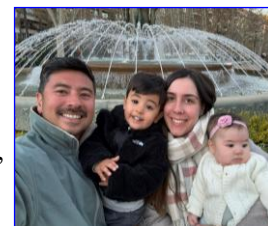
Now, the "*sour*". After 3 years of transition with Arturo and Elisabeth, we see they don't "fit" the Puebla Church. We see too many problems in spite of trying to solve them. I feel we **can't entrust the future of the church to them.** I told them (and the FIEIDE) that **their time here will have to end.** The FIEIDE is helping us to work out an exit plan this summer; and we are searching for a new pastor-substitute to start a new transition. **Please thank God for the "sweet" church growth, and for His "mercy and faithfulness" in the "sour" problems! Pray for the new believers to grow in Christ, for the older believers to be constant, and for the church to find the right pastoral substitute for the future of the Puebla church. Pray for Arturo & Elisabeth to find where God might use them in the future.**



Other ministry. April 24-27th Salud & I attended the FIEIDE National Congress in Valencia. It's always encouraging to see people that we know from many years of ministry, and to see the growth & progress of the Federation, **now with 100 churches in Spain!** Salud is still doing one-on-one counseling with 4 different women. I'll finish teaching "The Reformation" M.A. class at the Seville Theological Seminary this week. It will free up more time for one-on-one meetings with men at church. On June 28th at a church 40 miles away, I'll finish the 2nd part of an expository preaching workshop I began in April with 26 people (see photo) **Please pray for us in these different ministries!**



Family news. On May 16-18 we went to Jaén for Sara's 2nd birthday with **Jonathan, Irene and Sara** (see photo), and I preached at their church. Irene is now 29-weeks pregnant and the baby is due around Sept. 1st!! **Sam, Elisabeth, Julen and Nora** (see photo) came from Granada too. Their plans to move to Seville have been delayed, as Elisabeth was hired in April to substitute teach until the end of June and she may also have to teach for the Fall semester. **Please pray for God to help Irene and the baby finish the pregnancy well, and to help Sam and Elisabeth work out when to move to Seville.** Finally, in September I'll be 67 years old, so I've filed for my Social Security benefit to help supplement our support while Salud waits until June 2032 to get her retirement benefit. We plan to keep serving full-time until then, Lord willing. TBM will continue receiving support for us too. Please ask me if you need more information on this!



Thank you for praying for us, and for all of you who support us, to serve Christ here in Spain. We thank God for you! May God's "new mercies, compassions and faithfulness in Jesus Christ" bless you this summer!!

In Jesus' love and service,

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