



The Beck Family

Missionaries to Spain



June - July 2010

Dear Pastor and Co-laborers in Christ,

Greetings from sunny, southern Spain. We are continuing our outreach program of passing out tracts and John and Romans in various cities/villages. We have opportunity to reach even more people during summer time as the population of Rota and nearby cities triple with vacationers coming from all over to the beaches in our region.

Bethel Baptist Church is privileged to be able to sponsor new missionaries to come into Spain due to our legalized status. In order for a missionary to be able to come to Spain, they must first be invited by a legal church before they can apply for a Visa. Praise the Lord for bringing the Masters family here. They arrived July 22nd and have finished all of their paperwork to be residents. They have found a house and were able to purchase a car. They need our prayers as they settle in and adjust to the local culture. Even though they have been on the mission field in Peru, each country has its own differences. They will be working in Ceuta, Spain and Morocco, Africa. We are planning on taking some of our church members across the Strait of Gibraltar to help them pass out tracts and canvas their area. It is exciting to think about what the Lord will be doing there in the near future.

Please pray with us concerning our ministry here in Rota. We continue to hold services in both Spanish and English with translators helping in each service. We are very thankful for the spiritual growth of some of our young people and adults. It always thrills our souls to see the Lord working in the hearts of His children and making them the Christians that He wants them to be. Unfortunately, we have seen a few depart from the faith as well. It is very sad to see people turn their backs on the Lord due to the love of the world. We don't like sharing this sort of news, but it is important that we pray for these erring ones and ask the Lord to work in their hearts.

On another note, please pray for families in our church who are without work. The official unemployment rate of Spain is over 20% but here in Andalucia it is very close to 30%. We know that the Lord is able to supply their every need and they are trusting in Him.

We had two baby dedication services over the last two months, one in English and one in Spanish. We had over 70 in attendance in the Spanish service, 40 of which were first time visitors. We are normally in the 30s in any given service and it was very exciting to see the church house packed with the pews filled and chairs out in the aisles! Spaniards/Catholics are accustomed to going to "Infant Baptisms", and for this reason they had no problem coming to the church for this special service. No, we didn't baptize babies. I was able to present the clear Gospel message and preach the responsibility to raise children for Christ. We gave all the visitors a Spanish Bible as well. While we didn't see anyone accept Christ that day, seeds were planted. Please join us in praying that we will see fruit from this.

Thank you for being so faithful to this ministry. We consider it a great privilege to represent you here in Spain as we continue trying to make an impact on this country, the many immigrants who live here and those Americans stationed at the Naval Station Rota.

In Christ,
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