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Greetings from Talavera, Spain!

Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings from Talavera; it is always a blessing to share with you what the Lord is doing here in Spain.

Last year in October, I went to the Baptist World Mission annual meeting, which is required every six years. It was a blessing to listen to messages and testimonies, speak to other missionaries, and meet the new director of our mission. It was a refreshing time of renewal and fellowship.

In November, I discovered that I needed an operation for an inguinal hernia. Everything went well, even though it was very invasive. It was difficult not to be able to do my normal activities and go to my weekly soccer practice with the teachers. Praise the Lord, I'm almost back to normal.

In December, I was recovering from my operation, and we also had the privilege of hosting the Steadmans for a few days. They were an encouragement to our family and the church people. December always brings the outreach with our Christmas program, with several of our new families present and their children participating. It's always a tremendous blessing to see new contacts come into our church.

This New Year has started with growth in our congregation. Two couples that travel 45 minutes to attend have started coming. Two of them are doctors, so they come sporadically when they are off duty. Their names are Bessi and Juan Antonio and Roxana and Dimas. Also, a Peruvian lady and her 28-year-old daughter are coming faithfully. Their names are Juana and Wendy. Fabio and Jasmin are a young couple from Brazil who are also coming on a regular basis.

Please pray for these we have mentioned above. Since they are newcomers in the church, we are not sure if some of them are saved, so please pray for salvation for the following: Wendy, Fabio and Jasmin, and Bessi and Juan Antonio.

Sharla keeps busy helping our grandson Isaac with his studies and other activities and helping out wherever she can in the church ministries. Right now, she is teaching some of the ladies to help out in Sunday school, which is a long process. Also, she has a regular ministry with the ladies of the church, and is engaged in a discipleship program with some of them. Recently, she held a special conference for the ladies. This conference is held once a year and is called "Rejoice." This program was started by a young couple and their church in Barcelona, and is held in many of the churches in Spain and in other Spanish-speaking countries. It has been a blessing to our ladies, and is a great time of Bible study and fellowship.

We also have other prayer requests for several people in our church with physical ailments. Here are their names: Kimo, Salvio, Rufino, Miguel and Blanca, Conchi, and also our 15-year-old grandson Isaac.

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The following are prayer requests for unsaved neighbors and other contacts: Boni, our neighbor who has blood clots in his lungs. This couple lost their son last year. Boni has been receptive to the Gospel, and we have given him a Bible. My wife has a neighbor friend, Martha, who has been reading her Bible and is searching for peace. Sharla had a wonderful opportunity to witness to her. Please pray for our neighbors, as we can feel the Spirit working in their lives. I also have a soccer friend, Miguel, a priest who decided to get married and is now an ex-priest. I have had the opportunity to witness to him, and he seems to be searching.

Thank you so much for your faithful prayers. We can see the Lord working in many lives here in our community. Also, a special thanks to all of you who send us birthday cards and other letters of encouragement. We appreciate hearing from you.

May the Lord bless each one of you as you serve the Lord.

In His Service,
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