

PRAYER SUPPORT LETTER FOR FRANCIS AND NATHALIE ARJONA

January-February 2020



One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts. (Psalm 145:4)

Francis had the privilege of dedicating our grandson Caleb to the Lord in January. This marks the beginning of a new generation in our family (the 7th on the maternal side); we pray and trust that it will be a blessing for the continuity of the legacy of faith in Jesus Christ .

We have begun this year with hope for advancing the work of God in our area. For many years we have had our sights set on the town of Villanueva de Córdoba; with 8,800 inhabitants it is the second largest town in the Pedroches Valley, after Pozoblanco.



It has a small nucleus of believers, which we want to see increase; that is why **from July 1st to July 10th** we are going to do a campaign with the Decision group.

Some of its leaders- José Pablo Sánchez, José Luis Briones and David del Lago—came in February to meet the mayor and some



town councilors. They were very well received, an attitude which no doubt was the fruit of previous contacts we have had with them these last few years. To everyone's surprise, the mayor confessed that she regularly watches the *Good News* television program on Sundays, a program directed and presented by José Pablo Sánchez, director of the Decision group. ...



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We prayed for the town, and also visited the president of the soccer club, and reserved the hotel where between 30 and 40 young participants will stay. We thank God for one of the churches which supports us from the United States, which has contributed \$2,000. We still need another 2,200 euros for this campaign. But Decision will cover the remaining two thirds of the budget!

Although we are still some time away from July, starting now we request your prayers for:

- the preparations, permits, etc.
- the 40 brothers and sisters who will come to work with us.
- the funds necessary
- the fruit of these activities!



Some days later, we attended the Decision Summit in Gandía (eastern Spain), and got the chance to promote the Good Samaritan Olive Oil, ECM-Iberoamerica and the M4 church planting movement.

With respect to European Christian Mission, Francis had several meetings with the National Council to deal with projects, new candidates, challenges, transitions, etc., but with the conviction that God is on our side and is helping us in all the great challenges that our society presents. One can clearly see Europe and its multiple power groups trying to impose their totalitarian thought: pagan, secularized, hypersexualized, materialistic and with an enormous crisis of identity and existential emptiness. And to add the frosting on the cake, the “famous virus,” which in spite of everything, is dealing a major blow to “first world” society: all the foundations of its pride, confidence and security have been blasted into the air. Sadly, the ECM conference held every two years, planned for this April in Croatia, has been cancelled. Most of the missionaries were going to have to land in Italy....



Before the Decision summit, we managed to visit most of the missionaries in the Valencian Community, and Francis preached in Alcora, joyful at seeing our fellow missionaries working in their ministries!



We celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the Good Samaritan Center a few days ago! It was a nice sunny day, with some 160 friends, acquaintances, family members, etc. We are excited to see the FAITHFULNESS of God to this work that He began more than a quarter century ago when He gave us the vision for opening this home, where almost 600 men have stayed. I remembered that 28th of February, 1995, when we received the first resident into a very small house, with scant resources, but lots of hope!



A few days before receiving that first resident, we had found out that our son Samuel was “on the way.” That same son, now almost 25 years old, gave us a surprise the day of the anniversary: he sent a very nice letter, and one of the pictures he took near the Center, to hang up inside. As the verse at the beginning of this newsletter says, *“One generation shall praise Your works to another...”*

Speaking of family, we must tell you that **Sonia** went to Australia in mid-January. Her purpose is to learn more about Australian cuisine, get to know their culture and earn some money for her project. She has found work in a restaurant, and we thank God for the families of ECM that have welcomed her and surrounded her with care. She is living with three Christian girls in downtown Sydney. She doesn’t know how long she might stay. Thanks for praying for her!



Samuel, in Holland, has found a job at a company that sells photography and video materials on a large scale. He is in charge of preparing its web page aimed at the Spanish market. In addition, he continues with his own work.

And what can we say about our grandson Caleb?! He is a delightful child, and we try to see him every chance we get. **Eva** is now a full-time employee in the Madrid school where she teaches French (although they have just closed it temporarily due to corona virus.) **Efraín** is also working, and continues to study for professional exams that could lead to employment with one of several police agencies.

Many thanks also for praying for **our parents**; the four of them are in three different facilities (in France, Bilbao and Puente Genil), and we know they are more susceptible to the virus....

**Our (scattered) family thanks you for your support, friendship and prayers!
May God bless you!**