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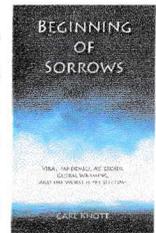
November 7th, 2020

Dear fellow saints at Beth-El Baptist Church,

Warm Christian greetings from southern Spain. Thanks so much for remembering us, and we gratefully acknowledge receipt of your gifts of \$150 in September and \$150 and \$70 in October that reached us through CMML. We also thank the Lord who called us and sustains us. The apostle Paul thanked the Philippian believers for their repeated care for him, "*ye sent once and again unto my necessity*" (Phil. 4:16), and likewise we appreciate your thoughtfulness and practical fellowship! These are difficult times, to be sure, but we know from Scripture and experience that the Lord is able to set a table in the wilderness for His people. May He supply all your need according to His riches in glory (Phil. 4:19).

Since early September we have again suspended meetings in the assembly in Seville due to the rise in contagion from the COVID-19. Spain currently has among the highest contagion and death rates per million inhabitants, and is the worst European country in handling the virus, probably due in part to the way Spaniards resist any infringement on their social life, and their unwillingness to exercise strict personal discipline and obey laws. Folks in our assembly are not able to do video conferencing. We maintain contact with brethren through the phone and emails, and a few personal visits when able. Currently in our area no travel between towns is allowed except with special permission, and there is an 10 pm - 7 am curfew.

We continue to print and distribute Carl's Spanish gospel booklet: "**Beginning of Sorrows**" - ("Principio de Dolores") and pray the Lord will use it to awaken and save souls. It has also been sent out as a free ebook. If you would like a copy of the English version as an ebook just let us know. We have arranged for the English version to be printed on demand in the States in case anyone would like to use it to evangelize. If so, just let us know. Carl's mother had it distributed to every home in her neighborhood. A missionary in Chile has printed over a thousand in Spanish for distribution there, and we thank the Lord for that.



This time of year is when Carl is normally traveling and ministering in Latin American countries, but of course that is currently not possible. Some of you also know that Carl's mother Eunice, aged 92, recently contracted the virus and did not survive. It was an added trial to not be able to travel to see her or even attend the funeral, due to health restrictions here. We sorrow, but not as those who have no hope, because we know where she is, and WHOM she is with, and we will meet again. "Oh what a meeting, there in the skies! No tears nor crying will dim our eyes. Loved ones united eternally; oh what a daybreak that morn will be!"

There have been a number of deaths due to the virus in Central American countries. In one area someone was teaching the Christians that they didn't need masks or distancing because the Lord would protect them. This kind of misguided faith is lamentable. Carl wrote an article about how Satan tempted the Lord to throw Himself from the pinnacle of the temple, and quoted from Psalm 91 to imply that God would protect Him. The Lord's reply should be a lesson to us all. Don't tempt God by being careless or reckless. God does not suspend the laws of nature for Christians. If you jump off a bridge the law of gravity will take over, even if you are a Christian. If you say "Inshallah" like some Muslims and walk out carelessly into traffic, you will get hit. Likewise, if you refuse to wear a mask or keep a distance, you will get sick. It has nothing to do with faith. And when there are laws or ordinances for public safety, remember, 1 Peter 2:13 reminds us to submit to every ordinance of man, for the Lord's sake. It seems useless to engage in fingerpointing about who started the pandemic or debate about conspiracies, because no matter how it began, the sickness is real and so are the deaths. We are called to preach the gospel.

Literature is one of the areas that we can work at from home. We have finished a book titled "**Fatal Banquets**" - already printed in Spanish and we hope to be able to print it soon in English. We have translated Anthony Norris Groves' book "**Christian Devotedness**" into Spanish, and it is at the printer. Also we're printing the English version with some minor editing of archaic phrases, in hopes that it will be more readable by today's generation. Carl's book "**Death Penalty**" (Spanish - "Pena de Muerte") is nearly ready for printing. To see the books we have by God's grace been able to publish so far, go to: <https://bereolibros.wixsite.com/asambleabiblica/libros> Thanks for your prayers for this important ministry, and for your continued prayers for us as we continue in our 34th year serving the Lord in Spain. May He fill your hearts and ours with the blessed hope of His soon coming to take us all to be with Him.

In Calvary's bonds,  
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1 Corinthians 15:51-52