

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Souls!
- Our outreaches:
 - caroling and tracts
 - special Sundays
- Sunday Bible studies on the Holy Spirit and Galatians.
- Praying in homes on Thursdays.

Special requests:

- Evangelism and discipleship.
- Nicolas as he practices and prepares for his university music auditions.
- Upcoming visits by pastors in Jan. and Feb.

PRAISES:

- Nic and Lydia attending MTR15
- Alice's outreach with school moms
- Faithful core families, growth and taking steps to obey God.

Dysert Ministry Update

TERM IV UPDATE XI

DECEMBER 2018

Christmastime is here...

Greetings! Another Christmas season is upon us, and this year, our area of Madrid has dubbed itself the European Capital of Christmas for 2018. That means that from the very end of November and on through the Three King's Day celebrations on January 6, we are living and serving in THE place to have a magical Christmas. Of course, we know the real reason we celebrate. Those of you who follow our ministry know that we are working our way through the Epistle of

Galatians, and in that letter, Paul wrote these words: *But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.* Some take this to mean that God waited until all the pieces were in place geographically and geopolitically to send His Son into this world, so that the good news of His coming and of His redemptive work would spread. Others suggest that the time of living under the Law for God's people had come to an end and that God sent His Son at the perfect time in order to redeem both Jews and Gentiles alike, saving all who personally believe in the Christ-child as their Savior and adopting them into His family. How exciting to talk about the fact that God acted and that Mary (along with Joseph) submitted to God's plan, and that through Jesus, sinners are redeemed! A recent poll of 2000 people in Great Britain stated that 25% of those polled had no idea who Jesus or Mary or Joseph even were or that the Christmas holidays had anything to do with them. While that percentage of people who know that Jesus is the reason for the season may be more here, the reality is that many don't have a clue. We have a great opportunity to go and tell them as we celebrate the coming of the Son of God. We plan to go caroling in Soto with Christmas tracts and cookies and invitations to Bible studies and special services on December 23, 30 and January 6, and to celebrate together as a local group of Christ followers. Please pray with us as we share the good news with people God brings us.



**Las Mágicas Navidades de Torrejón,
Capital Europea de la Navidad 2018,
vuelven a ser un referente en el
centro de España**

Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving... (Col. 4:2)

We have plenty to thank God for as a small group of believers. As far as the church plant goes, we have decided to stay in the language academy for the time being and work on into the new year to reach people in the area. Our people are receptive and learning as we study the person and work of the Holy Spirit and Galatians and emphasize the importance of praying personally and corporately. However, finding time during the week for additional discipleship has been next to impossible due to health issues, special classes and work demands. Please pray for Tim as he looks for ways to train Jose and Efrain, for Tim and Alice as they seek to encourage and disciple Luz and Rosa, and as we all continue to share Christ with Paula. Actually, it would be helpful to have people pray for all our young people: Nic, Lydia, Paula and Benjamin, and for the teaching ministry to young Belen, who is 2 years old and our only child at the moment. Thankfully Efrain found a job delivering packages throughout the holidays, but he will be needing a new job in 2019.

We are also thankful for old friends God has kept in our lives and the opportunities God gives us to share Christ with them. Alice had her annual Christmas cookie decorating time this week with three Spanish moms, all of whom accepted a gospel calendar, Christmas cookies and lots of love. These ladies are so kind, but don't know the Lord Jesus. Other friends and neighbors will pass by or we will visit during these days, so we ask that God will open doors of opportunity for the Gospel to work in their lives. There is a new baby named Ethan in the apartment right above us who we hear cooing and crying daily, and we are looking to share Christ with this young family. Pray for us please!

As a family we Dyserts are praising God for his many kindnesses. Nic and Lydia just attended the 15th Missionary Teen Retreat up at Aierdi, and came back encouraged deeply by the biblical teaching on finding true wisdom, taught by Matt Collier, and emotionally recharged as they got to spend some quality time with other MKs. Upon their return, Lydia pressed through her final days of class, the Christmas concert at ECA and her final exams, while Nicolas continued to work on writing his musical compositions for college, practicing piano for three to five hours a day, and teaching piano to one student. Over this break some of his former classmates are returning and he is enjoying reconnecting with some of his friends.

Meanwhile, both Stephen and Philip are doing well. Stephen just finished an internship at the Heritage Foundation and has an interview for a video job with a congressional council group today. He needs a solid job, so please pray for him! Philip is halfway through his Junior year and is keeping his grades up and is encouraged. We love hearing him talk about his ministry with young men at the local juvenile detention center. This is our first Christmas without them here. Philip is visiting his grandparents in MA and Stephen is traveling to VT to spend time with his girlfriend, Nicole.

Alice's parents and Tim's parents are aging but gaining strength. Each has their issues, but we are thankful God's care for them. Today is Toni Dysert's 78th birthday (Dec. 19th) and she is doing well. Thank you for praying for our parents. It is hard to be away from them, but Lord willing we will be talking over Skype.

Have a blessed Christmas time and enjoy your daily lives together with family and friends and people who need the Lord. May God keep our focus clear and may we redeem each and every moment.

For hearts in the heart of Spain,

Tim and Alice

Contact info: timdysert@gmail.com or iglesiaensoto@gmail.com US Internet Phone : (313) 355-9360