## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Souls!
- Sunday Bible studies on Baptist
   Distinctives and
   Jesus Christ
- Thursday prayer meetings

### **Special requests:**

- Dyserts grieving
- Jose's Recovery
- 2019 BWM European Retreat
- Alice, Nic and Lydia to USA August I
- Car Replacement

#### PRAISES:

- Two new families!
- New to us car!
- Mom Dysert with the Lord. Great memorial service.
- Nic accepted by and heading to Cedarville.
- Lydia finished her Sophomore year in high school, and Phil completed his junior year at BJU!
- Stephen accepted a job in Boston!

# Dysert Ministry Update

TERM IV UPDATE XIII

JUNE 2019

March ended with our buying a much needed replacement car and June is ending with our 32nd wedding anniversary. Between those two events, what rejoicing and sorrow and now more rejoicing we are doing! You could say that it all started when Jose invited a fellow classmate to come to one of our services in April. Luis came with his wife, Sylvia, and over lunch, we spent quite a while talking about spiritual things. Luis accepted a Bible from us but told us that he is an atheist. He openly shared with us about himself and his beliefs. To our surprise, Luis has continued to come back to listen and learn, even when his wife has had to work. On May 21, we received the sad news that Tim's mom had died. Toni loved the Lord and had lived in a nursing home for six years, so when she got sick and then died of sepsis, it came as quite a shock. But how wonderful is God's loving care! We watched as some friends offered to watch Nic and Lydia, and then others offered to help so that Alice could join Tim, which enabled us both to fly to Ohio for the funeral. Those were hard days, and we are still grieving, but having Alice there was a great help for Tim, who then got to stay for two weeks to encourage his Dad and four sisters and their families along with other friends who came to pay their respects. We all rejoice in the fact that we know Mom is with the Lord Jesus.

Afterwards, God brought us back to Spain, where we see God keep working. First we saw Luis coming to church and marking up his Bible! Then he invited his wife's sister and her family to come and visit too, and they are coming! What a delight to welcome Javier and Patricia and their three children. Javier told us that his father was a dedicated Seventh Day Adventist and Patricia came with a Bible given to her by some Jehovah's Witnesses, a group with whom she has had some dealings. For the past couple of Sundays we have been talking about Jesus, beginning a study of Christology, and Javier and Patricia along with their children are listening intently and asking questions and trying to take it all in, all the while promising to come back for more. What a hunger we are seeing in them, something we know is a direct answer to your faithful prayers! These six newcomers have a basic respect for God's Word and are ready to hear and accept the truth as we read it in the Bible, so now we are presenting Jesus and the truth of the Gospel to them, trusting that God will work in their lives. Please pray that the devil will not hinder their coming and learning and that they will receive the Word of God with rejoicing. And as you continue in prayer for the work please don't forget to pray for Jose, as he recovers from triple bypass surgery, and for his daughter, Maria, who is engaged to be married to a pastor in Morocco and they are waiting for the official government permission they need to marry.

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

In other news relating to our kids, we rejoice that Stephen has accepted a job offer in the Boston area, which is full time and comes with health insurance. He works close enough that he can live with Alice's mom and dad and help with some of the family needs there, something we are very thankful for. Philip, down at BJU, finished his junior year and is planning to complete his undergrad classes next fall. He is still working towards being a Navy chaplain and has been accepted into the seminary at BJU beginning in 2020. Nicolas, meanwhile, worked hard on studying his piano during his gap year and then applied and was accepted into both Wheaton's and Cedarville's music programs. He has decided to go to Cedarville and will begin this fall. Lord willing, Alice is going to be flying with him and Lydia on August 1st, first through Boston to spend a couple weeks with family, and then on to Cedarville to get Nic settled in, which will also give Lydia an opportunity to visit her first college campus and see what that looks like. She just finished her 10th grade year, but this could be her only opportunity to see a college. Thanks so much to all of you that pray for our children!

Please also help us in prayer for this year's Baptist World Mission European Retreat. Tim is helping organize the retreat and he and another missionary, Joel Sandhal, who serves in Germany, are lining up the speakers and the daily schedule for the retreat that goes from July 22nd through to the 26th. Fifty people are signed up to come so far from Spain, Germany, Hungary, Scotland, and the USA, including several interns and a few who are deciding on where to serve the Lord. Our guest speakers are Paul and Gail Fosmark, who will be leading the adults, Mark and Ann Poorman, heading up the youth, and Cindy Bunker, who is teaching the children. Every day various individuals will be helping lead our prayer times and the separate mens and womens sessions. How can you help? Assist us by praying that God will enable all whom he desires to attend to be able to come and to arrive safely. Pray that God would use his Word to build us up and that our times of fellowship would bring encouragement and refreshing. Pray that God would work in the young people's lives, currently nearly a dozen between the ages of 13 and 19, and that the children who come would listen to the Word and be taught by it and spiritually helped too. These things don't just happen; prayer is essential. Finally, please pray for the widows of the men who began this retreat many years ago. We rejoice that Barbara Brooks, Peggy Mumford and Marleen Virtue all love the Lord and have loving family not too far away, but they deeply miss their husbands and the ministries that they faithfully helped in for many years, and they miss coming to this retreat too. We are certain they would appreciate your prayers to the Lord for them.

We thank the Lord for all of you that are praying for our car need and those that have helped send money to help us buy a car. Since our last update \$2000.00 has come in, which is just wonderful! This project is ongoing through August and we still have several thousand dollars to cover. We will thank God for any help God sends through you.

Again, remember the Dyserts in our grief, but know that we do not grieve like those that don't know the Lord Jesus or know the hope of spending our eternity with him. Dad Dysert's address is below if you'd like to drop him a note of encouragement. Thanks so much!

### For hearts in the heart of Spain,

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