

March & April, 2004

Dear Pastor & Church,

**Surprise visit to Texas.** By invitation of our dear friends, Jim and DeeDee Mims, we arrived in Richardson, TX on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> for a 12 day ministry trip in the Hispanic work of Canyon Creek Baptist Church, Dr. Rick Carter, Pastor. Jim and DeeDee (along with coworkers Byron & Anita Vaughn) had prayerfully planned 4 days of special services. Wednesday through Friday we met in the homes of some of the church families (I taught the men in the kitchen, while Joy taught the ladies in the living room). We had many opportunities to talk about our Lord and found receptive hearts, which is something so rare in the work here in Spain. The rate of growth of the Hispanic population in the greater Dallas area is mind-boggling. Who will help reach them? .....We had one lady saved .

**Family time.....** Along with ministry time, we got to see Eric & Amanda, Sandy and of course our granddaughter Kayla. Between passing out flyers, home meetings and preparations for the big meeting on Saturday night, we celebrated Kayla's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday, and took turns kissing and holding her for 6 precious days! Amanda was a blessing as she helped care for the little ones in the homes so the mother's could hear the Bible study. Eric & Sandy arrived just in time to pitch in at the big Saturday meeting, helping with the children's activities. We thank God (and Jim and DeeDee) for the special gift of ministry and family time which we thoroughly enjoyed!

**Couple's Meeting.** Fellow-missionary Michael and Amy Lyons and their church were the host for this year's meeting. We had 5 couples (that includes us) attend with a total of 17 couples attending from 4 churches. One of the couples we took, Ignacio and Loli, are unbelievers. Loli attends services every Sunday night (has been attending for the past 13 years on and off) but refuses to accept the Lord. She tells us she comes because she likes the fellowship. We are always happy when they both decide to come to something special, knowing that the Gospel will be presented to them one more time.

We celebrated the 17<sup>th</sup> **Church Anniversary** with a good attendance, 2 first time visitors, plus lunch and supper at church. We praise the Lord for the victory of faithfully opening the doors of the Iglesia Bautista Biblica in Madrid thus allowing us to continue preaching the Word during another year.

**Trains bombed in Madrid.** By now, most of you have seen the news of the terrible massacre that was carried out in Madrid on March 11. The 4 trains passed as close as 3 blocks from our house in Coslada, on their way into Madrid, where they exploded. Several Christians from other churches on the trains were unhurt. Thankfully none of our church members were on any of the trains. We pray that God would use this to soften hearts towards spiritual things. Thank you for praying, for God certainly kept us safe. We are so grateful for your faithful prayers and financial support for the ministry in Madrid. We don't take it for granted, and count on your prayers for us personally and for the salvation of souls in Spain.

In His Service,  
Jack, Joy and Sandy Loveday