

March & April, 2010

Dear Pastor and Church family,

Men's Prayer Breakfast. We gathered with 5 other area churches for a Men's meeting on a Saturday in March. We had 43 men present and enjoyed the food, fellowship and a time of prayer. I was going to report on my trip to Ethiopia (since several of the Spanish churches support Eric and Amanda), but Bro. Eddie came, so I let him share his testimony. Bro. Eddie is a member of a sister-church who fell off a scaffolding a few months ago and by God's grace has lived to share his testimony of God's healing.

Holy Week Services. We invited friends and contacts to come to our special Holy Week Services on Saturday and Sunday, to hear the Gospel message. This is a big holiday week in Spain, and many of our church family were on vacation so we had planned an outing on Friday to Camp for a cookout and fellowship. The rain changed our plans, and we ended up at a local park. While there we received the news that Camp had been broken into.

Camp Robbed! We were so shocked when we arrived at camp to see all the kitchen cabinets opened and much of the content thrown around and many of our kitchen things stolen. Police arrived after we did, and were kind of passive about the whole thing. We cleaned up the mess and just thank the Lord that Joy's father nor our daughter Sandy (who often goes to camp alone to practice the accordion) were not there when the thugs showed up. It truly turned out to be a "surprise" Friday, just not the activity we had planned. Saturday and Sunday we met for our special services. The adult choir sang both nights and we had one visitor come to hear the Word preached.

Church Kitchen Remodeled. Early Monday morning we began the kitchen remodeling project. The cabinets we bought had to be put together which took most of one day. Next we worked with the countertop...and the "fun" job of putting the sink in (one of our biggest challenges!). Every day we'd run into a new "job" that would take hours to resolve (no Wal-marts in Spain) as we aimed to have the kitchen in place and with running water for a baby shower on Saturday. With God's help (and 5 days of work) and the help of 2 of our couples (who came after

work), we were able to finish. By doing the work ourselves, we easily saved the church a few thousand dollars. Although it wasn't what you'd call an "evangelistic" job, we do pray that it will serve for many years in our meetings where the unsaved do come and fellowship around God's word. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support that allow us to continue to labor together to reach the lost souls in Madrid.

In His Service,

Jack and Joy Loveday