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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Please excuse the longer lapse than usual between our letters. **We have been waiting in order to be able to tell you some significant news related to our ministry**, and we had to go through several stages as we consulted with others in the process of making decisions and preparations.

To avoid being mysterious, let me go directly to our news. **It is that if God allows, and things go well, we will move to Seville at the beginning of December.**

It is a big decision that has been made after evaluating our recent experiences and future perspectives. In fact, I don't have enough space in this letter to explain all of the details, because **there were many things to consider; however, let me share with you the most important issues:**

Since our arrival in Extremadura, our ministry has had a regional perspective. **Our goal was not only to plant a church or start our own Bible study groups, but to promote, encourage, and help other leaders to do the same.** This has simply been our desire, and this has led us to become involved in many types of activities in several towns and cities. Our message to leaders everywhere has focused on the multiplication of disciples. This has been a part of my teaching in Setmex, the workshops, conferences, and sermons in the churches of the region, and so on. Everything we have done and are continuing to do has as its objective the creation of passion for the multiplication of disciples and of the Bible study groups, as pillars for the expansion of the Kingdom and the establishing of churches.

During these last years, we have piqued the interest of several local leaders, which has allowed me to lead workshops in the churches and to train and encourage many Christians. This was the case in the churches of Cáceres, Badajoz, Mérida, Almendralejo, Trujillo, Seville, and with two cohorts of students of Setmex. **A significant number of people were motivated. Several of them started Bible study groups, some of them without my knowledge. In total, I have counted 11 groups that have begun, either directly or indirectly, from this work.** Some of these groups were formed by Christians who wanted to be trained to later reach the lost. Others were started with people of peace, or by others I had trained, and others I began myself. This is the recent case of the Bible studies that Eugenia has participated in (I mentioned her in my last few letters) and also Luz Dary. Some of these groups are continuing, and others have stopped for various reasons, but on balance, **if we count the number of disciples, baptisms, people who have been trained or at least exposed to this vision, it is an encouraging number for this region, considering the constant spiritual opposition that disciples of Jesus face.**

Nevertheless, **if we consider another issue, that is, how deeply has the vision of multiplication been assimilated by church leaders, the answer is less encouraging.** Some of those who seemed the most enthusiastic, never took the step of **empowering the believers and unleashing them reach the lost and start Bible studies with their friends and family.**

This is something that may not happen for a long time because they are very fearful. **For this reason, we want to focus our efforts on the fruit that shows the most potential right now. The couple with the most potential lives in Seville.**



Above: Macarena and Abraham, from Seville, with whom we will work as a team

And so, why should we move?

- The first reason is to be where there is fruit.** Macarena and Abraham have worked with me for almost two years now. Since the beginning, they have captured the vision of multiplication. They have developed a clear vision for their own neighbourhood in Seville. They are active in their community, and, after a lot of effort, they have also developed relationships and have begun their first small group of Bible study. In addition, they work with a Christian association that participates in the platform "la plaza del plantador" (church planter square) that brings together leaders from all over Spain and encourages the multiplication of disciples. And so, **it's not just about working as a team with them locally, but also, networking more widely.**
- God is omnipresent, but the enemy is not.** When we leave Zafra, **the spiritual opposition will surely cease and many of our contacts there will be able to be fruitful.** At times, one has to leave a place, to return later and then harvest the fruit where work took place before. This has been our experience several times in the past. **By faith, we pray for this.**
- There is another reason that convinced us to move in this direction.** The Baptist Union of Spain is going to start a branch of a theological school in Seville. This **"Kingdom project" will train leaders in Andalusia and Extremadura.** The director of this project is Pastor Miguel Angel (pastor of the church in Badajoz and the director of Setmex.) And so, **I will be teaching about the multiplication of disciples and leading conferences and workshops there as well.**



Above: Pray for Eugenia, who will be baptized this month. She continues to experience a great deal of opposition from her family.

Below: Pray for Edurne and Milena (here you can see Edurne and her parents with us. She is between Ingrid and me) These are two young ladies who have experienced a great transformation in their lives. They are inviting their friends, they are speaking openly about the Lord, and so on. The role of Ingrid as a mentor in their lives has been very beneficial and will continue even after we move.



- Please **pray for the entire process of preparing and moving** during this autumn. May the Lord guide each one of our steps.
- **Pray that the Lord will continue blessing Abraham and Macarena in their efforts.** May the Lord protect the group that is forming.
- **Pray for Zafra**, for the end of this spiritual opposition, and that our many contacts will come to the Lord.
- **Pray for Floren.** Do you remember him? He was the leader of the group in Llerena, and he moved to another city two years ago. Our brother now has advanced colon cancer. I am so sad, for him, and for his family, whom I love deeply. This news really affected me.
- **Please pray as well for our financial support.** We recently lost a donor who had been giving substantially. Additionally, the cost of renting an apartment in Seville is higher than in Zafra. **We are asking the Lord to provide an additional \$600 per month.**

We greet you fraternally.

Ingrid and Ricardo



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