

AN UPDATE CONCERNING THE IBERIAN PENINSULA

DECEMBER 2019

As reported in Summer 2019, we sent 13 college-age and college-bound students to the North America College Training. As a result of attending the training, five of our graduating college students have resolved to attend the FTTL next year. There is the possibility that two or three more may also attend. In light of this, the full-timers are focusing our shepherding of this group of saints by visiting and shepherding them so that the freshness of their consecration would not be lost and so that the enemy will not frustrate them in their resolution.

We have also encouraged our college students in one of the cities to establish a Bible study on campus so that they have a presence on campus. This will provide a venue for their mutual encouragement and building up as well as for the gospel to gain their friends and school mates. They received the fellowship, found a room, and have started meeting every Friday for a Bible study. We anticipate the Lord's blessing and the gaining of many young people for His recovery.

There is the possibility for another locality to purchase a meeting hall. They are now taking the necessary steps to register with the government before proceeding with the purchase. It will be a great blessing to that locality to have their own place.

Four localities carried out the video training in September and a fifth one will be carrying out theirs in November.

One serving couple has moved to Valencia. The husband has decided to pursue a specialty in dentistry. The wife will continue to serve part-time. We felt very good for this move as it has already been a great encouragement to the church in Valencia, which has several young families looking forward to receiving help and perfecting from this couple regarding many aspects of the church life and service. The church in Valencia is already a vital church and the arrival of this couple will make it even more so.

There have been saints standing for the Lord's testimony in the northern part of Portugal since 1988. We believe that the Lord desires to advance His move in Portugal, especially in the capital city of Lisbon, which is in the southern part of the country. Currently, there are 13 saints in Lisbon meeting on a regular basis enjoying the Word, the ministry of the age, and praying together. There are also six other saints living in the area of Lisbon who are open for visitation. We expect the Lord will continue to increase the number of saints in Lisbon, initially through migration. There are a few families from the USA, Brazil, and Europe who are praying with the view to migrate there in 2020. Please pray that the Lord will burden many more to move to Lisbon so that He can establish a strong testimony in that city.

We had a wonderful Iberian Peninsula Conference from December 13-15. We covered the need for the one new man, the person of the one new man, the way to produce the one new man, and what is needed for the practical existence of the one new man. Then we also saw the importance of a holy marriage for God's purpose and a godly family for the church life. The conference was attended by 394 saints (including children) representing 18 countries. It was a glorious capstone to another memorable year from the Lord and we look forward to a new year of the Lord's blessing for His move in the Iberian Peninsula.