



HILLS' HAPPENINGS

Autumn 2009

Dear Praying Friends

For some of you this will be the first time that you have heard from us for quite some time. We are sorry for that, and thank you for your patience and prayers.

So how are things in Cuenca? Well, these three years in Cuenca have been the hardest of our eighteen in Spain. In our last Prayer Letter we spoke of a large fringe and a small core in the church. The fringe has by and large disappeared, some core members have moved on, and we are now left with what is quite a small group. Our active membership is three Rumanian couples, three Spaniards (including one couple) and us. This school year two of the Spaniards will be living and working away from Cuenca during the week, and so their involvement will be minimal. Having said all that, we have been joined by a Spanish couple who have moved to Cuenca because of work, and we have one or two others, who whilst not being members are more regular than some members. So whilst things are not overly encouraging at the moment, we do have the assurance that the work is the Lord's, and that all these things are known to Him.

On a family level, we are all fine. Thomas is 14 and Jacob is 12. Both of them are at High School now, with Jacob having just moved up this September. Thomas is well into sport, playing football for the village team, and also badminton at quite a high level. Jacob is starting badminton this year, so that means all three 'boys' are playing badminton now. Judith continues the sporty theme by doing aerobics twice a week. For the last year Judith has been teaching in an English academy four evenings a week. Whilst being somewhat tiring, especially for Matt, it does mean that she doesn't have to run around in the Autumn looking for classes and students. Anyway, her two Ulster bosses must be pleased with her because she's teaching there again this year.

The hymnbook is taking shape, although a lot more slowly than was originally hoped: Just one of the results of asking five pastors to do the job in their 'spare time'! But we are making progress, dealing with copyright issues, finding printers, and looking at producing an electronic music edition.

For ten years now, we have been producing our Prayer Telegram (a monthly email update of our prayer news). With most people now having access to the Internet, we feel that we are unable to continue to produce a printed occasional Prayer Letter. For that reason this will be the last Prayer Letter that we send out in printed form. If you have Internet access and want to continue to receive our news, please just email us, so that we can add you to our list. If you have no personal access to Internet, perhaps someone at your church could receive it for you - they would just need to send us an email. If you really have no way of receiving our news by email, please do let us know and we will see what can be done.

We do thank you for your prayerful interest in our work.

In Christ

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