

Hills' Happenings



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Dear Friends,

So summer is here with a vengeance - this weekend we are experiencing temperatures of 40°C, that's 104 in old money. And with the summer, the routine of life seems to change quite dramatically. At the same time, this summer we still have not been able to make as many plans as we usually do, mainly due to COVID.

We had hoped to get over to the UK to see Matt's Mum, and Judith's Mum and Dad, using tickets bought last year for a wedding that has been postponed. The flight over, to Dublin, is on 20th July. As of the time of writing this letter, it looks like things won't work out, and that we will have to wait until the end of the summer or into the autumn to see them. So we are reverting, it seems, to our Plan B, which will be camping in Asturias, a beautiful part of Spain on the north coast, where we will be able to escape the intense heat here in Ciudad Real. Once we get back, Judith drops straight into a week of children's camp starting on 9th August. At the moment it looks like there may be a shortage of helpers, so please pray especially for that.

Judith has finished work until September, so she's very happy about that. Thomas has finished his contract in the school, and now has to wait until September for more work, which could be in a 200 mile radius of Ciudad Real and for anything from 1 day to 9 months. He has nearly finished his Master's degree and hopes to rest a bit this summer before starting to prepare his entry exams for a permanent teaching post (the exams are next summer). Liz continues to look for work.

And Jacob is in Málaga! Just after our last letter he was offered a job by one of his former teachers as an audiovisual technician. He's based in Málaga, but travels around Spain setting up concerts and shows. We are so grateful to God that he has finally got work in his chosen field, and also that his health is very good at the moment. Although weekends are difficult, he has sought out a church in Málaga, and has started to attend when possible.

Since last writing, the Town Council has turned down the planning permission for the renovations in the new church building, mainly on a point of interpretation of the planning regulations. There has since been another meeting between the church and the Council to plead our case, and we are waiting now for their final decision. If they maintain their stance, we would be obliged to start again with a whole new design for the building - more time and cost. It is basically a subjective decision by the Council, so please pray - we know that the Lord holds the king's heart in his hands.

At Editorial Peregrino, we have just taken delivery from the printers of Sharon James' book "God's Design for Women in an Age of Gender Confusion", a very necessary addition to our catalogue.

Since last writing we have launched Matthew Henry's commentary on John, in two volumes; an undated version of our evangelistic newspaper for general use; and reprints of three titles by 9 Marks. In the next few days we will take delivery of 25000 copies of a tract by John Piper, "In Search of Glory". We celebrated our annual Peregrino conference on the 22nd of May, our first ever virtual event. All went well with the technology (Jacob made sure it all worked smoothly), and the messages on "Forgiveness" were a great blessing.

Just recently my brother-in-law sent me a photo of the Order of Service for our Valedictory service in England in 1991. Where has the Mme gone? How wonderful to serve a God who never lets his people down, day acer day and year acer year: "Great is thy faithfulness, oh God my Father; there is no shadow of turning in thee". We continue to be grateful for your prayerful support in the work here.

In His Service

Matt, Judith,

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