

# Hills' Happenings



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Dear Friends,

Well, Autumn has arrived in La Mancha and it's time we put pen to paper. As I sit at my desk, the rain that has fallen nearly all day continues to beat down. Summer seems such a long time ago, and even longer since we wrote at the beginning of July.

When we last wrote our summer plans were very much up in the air. Eventually we decided to head north for ten days camping on the Cantabria coast - lovely cool temperatures, beautiful scenery and a relaxing time. Immediately on our return, camp started. Judith was there for the whole week, and Matt came out of retirement for two days. Over 40 children in the 7 to 12 age range, with a number from non-Christian backgrounds. Despite a number of the children testing positive for COVID on returning home, the week was a great success. Whilst on holiday in the north, we learned that the restrictions for travel to the UK were to be relaxed, which meant that for the last fortnight in August we headed to the UK: Judith to Northern Ireland to see her parents whom she hadn't seen for 18 months, and Matt to see his Mum in England.

We are pleased to report that Thomas has a two-month supply post in a school just over an hour away. When he rang the school for details, the phone was answered by a teacher from Santa Cruz de Mudela, where we used to live, whose mother had been Thomas' nursery school teacher - it's a small world. Liz continues to look for work. Jacob has been very busy at work, travelling all over Spain. His health remains good. As I write he is home for a few days to have a colonoscopy just to make sure everything is as it should be. Judith is back into the swing of things in the academy and returns to the school in a few days. Matt is struggling with low energy levels, and general symptoms of stress.

The work at Editorial Peregrino is encouraging. We had a better-than-expected August, in terms of sales, and September appears to be shaping up well. Over the summer months we have given the printers a bit of a rest but have a number of books being prepared for publication this autumn.

The church eventually was told that they have to submit new plans for the work on their new building. The delay and the extra cost are frustrating, but we know that it is in the Lord's hands. Since September we have returned to morning and evening services in the building, so we feel a bit closer to normality.

After our last prayer letter, we sent a few notifications about two pastors in Cuba who had been arrested. The follow-up information went into a special WhatsApp group, but it's good to remember

here that finally everything has been settled with both of them paying a small fine - small in our terms. That does remind us to continue to pray for Cuba generally with the difficulties because of COVID, as well as the literature work there and the upcoming new bookshop in Habana.

As always, we continue to be grateful for your prayerful interest.

In His Service

***Matt, Judith, Jacob, Thomas and Liz***



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