

Dec 16 - February 17



The Good Samaritan

OLIVE HARVEST



We thank God for the team from Holland that came this winter. We will always be in debt to these brothers who faithfully come every year to work with us in a practical way, harvesting the olives. And we want to encourage anyone who might want to come for a few days and work with us in the months of November and December. Especially for those who have adopted olive trees, whether you are from Spain, Great Britain or elsewhere, you will have a special experience learning how the process of making olive oil begins. We thank God for the abundant harvest this year, 14,000 kilos!

That is one of the highest yields that we have ever had!

POST - HARVEST TRIP !

After the olive harvest, the residents, the German volunteers (who are doing a magnificent job both with the church and the Good Samaritan Association and its Center) and a monitor took a several-day trip on which they visited the province of Jaén, Granada and Córdoba. They spent the nights in Rus (Jaén), in a retreat center directed by Dora, the lady who helped Francis when he had his accident several years ago. Since that time we have had a strong and heartfelt friendship.



HEALTH SITUATION OF ROLAND, DIRECTOR OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER

Roland suffered a heart attack in November. Since then he has been off from work, although his health is improving. His wife, Sabine, writes:

"We want to express our thanks to all of you for your support and prayers during this time of Roland's sickness. Many thanks to those who have provided funds so that the Association can hire a new monitor to work at the Rehabilitation Center. It was a big help to Roland to be able to take this time of recuperation and not be too worried about the Center. It would have been very difficult, or even impossible, for the Center to keep going with only two monitors. Roland is better now and we are confident he will soon be able to return to his normal level of work."



NEW MONITOR :



Javier is the name of the new monitor we have had to hire, and he is being an enormous help. He is married, with two daughters, and although he also had a very rough past with drugs, thanks to the power of the Gospel and the love of Christ, today he is a free man, re-married to his former wife, and has been reunited with his children, home and family. Today he directs an association that fights against drugs, and at the moment is serving as a monitor at the Good Samaritan Center. Coincidentally, he is from the same town where Francis was born. Thanks to a generous donation

from ECM Australia and others donors we have been able to hire him until October of this year. Please pray for further donations so that we may be able to have his services beyond that time.

MEETING OF THE FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT EVANGELICAL CHURCHES OF SPAIN (FIEIDE)

This year, as has become our custom, we were present at the annual meeting of the Federation of Independent Evangelical Churches of Spain, an entity to which we belong as a church. I wish to thank all those people who have bought our olive oil and who have requested information about the Good Samaritan Association,

in order to pray for our work. Thanks to all of you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers!



WELCOME TO AITOR !



We joyfully congratulate the Rodríguez family on the birth of their first child, Aitor . His father, Jose Javier, is a monitor at the rehab centre since several years.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE CENTER

The Center is 22 years old now, and has cared for more than 500 people over all these years. About a hundred people came to celebrate the event, despite the cold, gray weather. Our day began with a welcome to so many friends and acquaintances. Then came songs, testimonies, mime skits, laughter, a challenging message from the Word of God (delivered by pastor Abel Nuño), a time of fellowship, games for children, and a meal together: our traditional paella, and the dessert contest.



When you can see men and women playing with their children, and you remember what their faces were like the day they first entered the center, or when family members call you for the first time, desperate and overwhelmed by a crisis, and now you see their faces happy, full of peace and reconciliation, the word **Hope** takes on a deeper meaning. “For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the Power of God!” Many thanks to all the volunteers, to those who support us in prayer and to those who donate so that this work may continue.



COLLABORATION

We continue encouraging all our brethren, friends and fellow workers to consider becoming “collaborating members,” making periodic donations through Teaming (it only works in Europe), adopting an olive tree (which gives you the right to receive a can of 3 or 5 liters of organic olive oil depending on the amount you donate), or buying our oil directly. Let’s all pray that our plans to export the olive oil to various countries become reality!

**Thank you so much for your prayers
and support !**

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