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2020



# THE GOOD SAMARITAN

*"In the morning sow your seed, and at evening withhold not your hand, for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good."*

*Ecclesiastes 11:6*

We enter 2020 with enthusiasm, constantly sowing God's seed, investing all our love, knowledge, time and energy, and trusting God for a good abundant harvest!

## FAMILY REUNION

This last December 25th, residents of the Good Samaritan Center received a visit from their families; thanks to our technical team, it was a pleasant surprise for them. Very early, vehicles arrived, each carrying the family of a resident, which took all the residents by surprise, since they didn't know about it. After that emotional encounter, each resident, with his family, took them on a stroll through the farm to show them the various therapeutic activities they perform daily. It being a pleasant, sunny day, all those present shared a meal together; they also shared their experiences as parents, sons or brothers, and all the residents shared about their process of rehabilitation from addiction.



# Testimony



Drugs and addictions are things that can affect any family. Jorge, comes from an integrated family, with values and moral principles, where there was a lot of family life.

Jorge tells us his story:

*"I started consuming cocaine at age 15, using it for fun sometimes on weekends. Little by little, this became a habit, deforming my personality more and more. I turned into a liar who was proud and manipulative.*

*After a series of events in my life, due to my loss of control, I entered the Good Samaritan Center. But to be honest, I was only planning to stay a few months, until I became normal again, and then leave the Center on my own terms. Thanks to our Lord, this idea changed and through the therapists, I was able to discover what had really been dominating me. My mental and physical life were functioning with almost complete normality, but my spiritual life had been unsatisfied for years. Neither money, nor material things, nor the many pleasures of this world, nothing could fill me. I knew a little about God, but I didn't know Him.*

*Thanks to the center, that changed, too; they showed me the truth, and it is*

*that only Christ matters. I've been in the program nine months, both myself and my family, since they are also receiving therapy related to my restoration. The program is not easy, but even so, with the strength we ask God for, we know that He sustains us, because with our own strength it is impossible. Now I enjoy every day of my program, taking it one day at a time, day by day"*

## Volunteer opportunity

At the Center, we want to give an opportunity to anyone of adult age who is interested in donating his or her time to be part of the Volunteer Project.

.If you are interested in receiving training on the topic of addictions and how to help, please write to this email and you will receive information:  
buensam2@gmail.com



## Prayer

Dear friends, we must tell you that in a few days, Jesús, one of our monitors, who has spent years gladly giving of his time and love, will undergo a surgical operation. We ask for your prayers so that all may turn out well, and that our Lord may protect his life, and give peace to him and to Paqui, his wife.

We also are praying to God for a person who could cover his work as a monitor while he is recovering.



# 25 Anniversary

In the 25 years that the Center has been open, almost 600 people have received care. Many are now living rehabilitated, others have gone to be with the Lord, and a few have relapsed back into addiction. But the balance is highly positive.

Our greatest joy and happiness, is to see at every anniversary whole families restored, to hear their testimonies and to see the happiness on their faces.

Then we say, **Thank you God for Your faithfulness all this time!!!!**



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# PLANTA Y ADOPTA UN OLIVO



*¿Te animas?*

**1995** 25 years- 25 olive trees **2020**

**We encourage you to come visit for this anniversary, or at some other time of the year, to plant an olive tree and adopt it.**

That **olive tree** will be the visible testimony of your visit to the Good Samaritan Center. We want you to leave a visible “**environmental impact**” that benefits everyone, as a sign of the change in your life, or the desire to see others change. Although those rehabilitated and their families have priority, this challenge is open to all.

- ◆ It only costs 55 €uros per year.
- ◆ We will send to your home, each year, a 3-liter can of Good Samaritan organic extra-virgen olive oil (not available out from Europe)
- ◆ If you cannot come to plant it, we will do so in your name and will send you a digital photograph.
- ◆ In any case, please let us know at this email: [buensam2@gmail.com](mailto:buensam2@gmail.com)

>Fundraising for a new van



81%

## WE ARE ALMOST THERE !

We thank all the people and churches (in Spain and elsewhere), organizations and local businesses for their donations! We now have 81% of the total we need to buy our new van.

PLEASE HELP US WITH THE REST !

*Thanks !*

• YOU CAN SEND YOUR GIFT, ESPECIFYING "NEW VAN" TO:

- ES21 0237 0054 3091 5377 0772
- BIC: CSURES2CXXX

OR

- ES30 2100 2093 9501 0024 0142
- BIC: CAIXESBB

• ONLINE : <http://www.buensam.org/colabora.htm>



You can also support the  
Good samaritan ministry :

- *Buying our olive oil*
- *Sending any gift.*



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*¡ Thank you to those you have  
already answered!*



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