



# The Good Samaritan Bulletin

Since its beginning **twenty years ago**, the Good Samaritan Association has helped more than 450 persons. Behind those numbers are people, faces, stories, families, frustrations and victories. When we see one of them out walking together with his family just like “normal” folks, we reflect and look to heaven saying, “Thank You, Lord, without You all this would not be possible.” How beautiful when all you can do is look to heaven and lift your hands, offering them to God that His name may be glorified! Our thanks to all those who on **September 22nd of 1993** started a ministry called, “Good Samaritan,” to all those directors, monitors, psychologists, volunteers, givers of offerings, and so many others who have made this ministry a reality! **To all of you many thanks!** At least we have rescued many of these men, in many cases right from the doors of hell. It’s worth it! Your work in the Lord is not in vain!



## Residents :

This is the group from summer up to the start of fall. Each one of them represents in some way the people we are helping. In some cases they know the Lord, in some they are focusing on getting their family back, or restoring a marriage, or recovering a lost job. God is doing miracles in each one’s life, and we can only say, “Ebenezer!” (“God has helped us!”)

We have just heard that the most recently arrived resident accepted the Lord last night while talking with the psychologist! Another name written in the Book of Life! I hope to soon be able to tell you all his testimony as we begin to see his spiritual growth.

## 19th Annual Addiction Prevention Days in the Pedroches Valley

With the slogan, “**A**dolescent**Z** from **A** to **Z**,” we have been able to reach a good number of youth with an anti-drug message in our annual prevention days. This year, in the mornings, we went to three schools: the Salesians, the Immaculate (both private Catholic schools), and the IES (public) of Pozoblanco, which takes in youth from all over the Pedroches Valley. Over three days we had as many lectures:

“I have a question for you about adolescence.”

“Don’t let it catch you unaware!”

“New addictions in adolescence.”

All the lectures and workshops in the schools were given by a psychologist who is President of the Previa Association, Lidia Martin. She is an expert on adolescence, and has written a lot about that area. The last day, we were accompanied by the vocalist from the musical group, “Alabaster,” Francisco Peña, who shared Christian songs and his personal testimony as someone who has recovered from drug addiction. He was accompanied with percussion by Samuel Arjona Farelly.

We also took the opportunity, since we were on television and had an audience, to present for the first time Good Samaritan’s Extra Virgin Ecologically-Produced Olive Oil, giving all those involved a can of said product. We also want to thank the Pozoblanco local government for financing this event yet another year.



Lidia Martin, Paqui (Local Government councillor) and Francis



## Office in Castelldefels (Barcelona)

From the very beginning of the Good Samaritan ministry, there have been churches and pastors who have supported the work. One of these is the Evangelical Church of Castelldefels—since when Juan Requena was its pastor—and now his son, Daniel. This church has developed a broad social-work outreach in several areas, one of them being the sending of young men with drug problems to the Good Samaritan Center. A number have been sent, and completed rehabilitation. Last November, after the signing of an official collaboration agreement between both entities, an office of the Good Samaritan has been opened on the premises of the church. This coincides with the opening of a new church building with rather vanguardist architecture,



and it really sets a milestone in the evangelical presence in the area. Together with the church's leaders and its pastor, the document was signed, and I was invited to share the Word at a Sunday worship service. This office can officially send to us the cases processed in the city of Barcelona and its metropolitan area. We want to take a moment here to thank the church and its leadership for partnering with us through that agreement.



## Good Samaritan Extra-Virgin Ecologically-Produced Olive Oil

**"Health and Solidarity"** – with this slogan, our brand of Extra-Virgin Ecologically-Produced Olive Oil was born. **"Health,"** because the beneficial effects of this "olive juice" on our cardiovascular system and other physiological processes, are well known. **"Solidarity,"** because all the profits generated by sales of the olive oil will go completely to sustaining our entity, in order to keep improving what we do, and to continually serve our society. For years, we have been pursuing the goal of using the sale of olive oil to move toward "self-financing" of the Good Samaritan Center. This ecologically-produced olive oil, a product of the highest quality, made with olives from our farm and others in the Pedrosches Valley, will be able to be exported for sale. The Cooperative of the Pedrosches Valley, of which we are members, has the record of including the most extensive ecological olive groves, and the greatest volume of ecologically-produced olive oil in the world. We want to thank both its president—Juan Antonio Caballero—and the international manager—Araceli Cabello—for all the work, support, and technical advice that they have given to this project since its beginning.

**Our brand, Good Samaritan Ecological Olive Oil, is registered both at the national and the European level.** It has all the proper certificates of ecologically sound production so that it may be sold throughout the world, and we are capable of exporting it to any country. We can do that through "religious channels" (churches, missions, etc.), as well as business channels—any business person who is a believer or has a desire to help us can buy our oil and in this way collaborate commercially with our Christian principles and values. If you are a business person, or you know someone interested in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us. We will be selling bottles of 250ml, and cans of 1, 3 or 5 liters. Please pray that this project may give the fruits that we desire to see! More details and information can be requested from :



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## TESTIMONIES

### Klaus Winkel (age 54 ) - Volunteer

Klaus has come to the Center twice this year as a volunteer. He is German, a retired military pilot of the *Luftwaffe*. Many thanks, Klaus!



“The basis of my stay was a contract for volunteers with Deutsche Missionsgemeinschaft e. V. (DMG). I was to help as a worker in the fields and garden and as a caregiver. There were eight residents in the center. **Right from the beginning I was surprised about the friendliness and openness towards me; I felt like I was welcomed into a big family.** This includes the supervisors and the director and his family as well. I even got invited to one of the resident’s home and family in Córdoba one Saturday. Of course there were some arguments amongst the residents at times, but I noticed the general attitude of everybody to support and try to understand the other person and his problems.

As a follower of Jesus, I consider it a great joy, privilege and miracle, that El Buen Samaritano has been able to work for many years as an approved and generally accepted evangelical organization in the field of drug prevention and rehabilitation in Spain. I fully support their strategy to help lead people to Jesus for eternal salvation. A “side effect” being that He can make great changes in the lives of people, including deliverance from drug dependency!

Many of the residents will most likely suffer for the rest of their lives from the serious consequences of their former drug abuse. **But it is a great joy to see and experience how the ones who have put their trust in God do find nevertheless peace of mind and start a new life.** Every day there is a devotion time with the Bible after breakfast for roughly an hour, including singing of several Christian songs (with guitar, flute, cajón) and prayer.

The Centro is situated in a very nice remote hilly area with olive trees, bushes and flowers of different kind and flocks of sheep and other animals. I was overwhelmed by the abundance of colours and fragrances (of course I stayed there during spring time)! With the stronger residents I would do long hikes during spare time in the late afternoon down to the river and up the hills. There are even all-terrain bikes which one can use! Altogether a very peaceful and beautiful spot in God’s creation. Everybody there can relax and slow down - the fact that there is no internet in the Centro itself and very limited mobile phone coverage does contribute to that (in my case). Weather-wise I was quite surprised: never had I expected, that there’d be so many days with temperatures of 3°C in the morning and 6°C max during the day in Andalucia this time of year! As a result, for many days during my stay we had the fireplace fired up, which created a nice atmosphere in the lounge. The home-made food is nutritious and plentiful, consisting of home-grown vegetables, salads and fruits, and eggs from the Center’s own chickens.

My physical work consisted mainly of general farm tasks (field, barn, garden, olive grove, digging, gathering, carrying) by hand and with machines. Even though I am used to working out, I was pretty exhausted and tired at times. **For the residents, an important function of volunteers is doing things together, caring and being a person to talk to during everyday life. Also one can be an example in Christ to them – including by admitting to weaknesses and doubts.** According to the feedback I received, that went well. Even friendships have developed, and I am looking forward to coming back.”

Juan José (age 56) . Forme resident

**“I have lost everything, but I have found something more valuable: the Lord.”** These were some of the words of Juan José just before being baptized in the Good News Evangelical Church in Onda (Castellon) in September of this year. Juan José is another example of how drugs destroy everything, but also of how the Lord changes lives.

Seven years ago, he came to the Center with very bad health and a trajectory of drug abuse, drug dealing and a long list of problems with his family and with the area authorities. Juan José had known the Lord but had not really heeded His words, and as a consequence had lost any true happiness, seeking it instead in all the wrong places. After a time going through our program at the Good Samaritan, he returned home for a brief visit, but never came back to the Center. We thought he might be a “lost cause,” but the Lord had other ideas. The brothers in the church in Onda kept in contact both with Juan José and his ex-wife and six children. Finally the Lord used a serious illness to make Juan José reconsider. When he came to church asking forgiveness, he found the love of God, and after a season of discipleship, he recognized:

**“I don’t have anything. Truly, I have lost all, but I am happy. Now I have really come to know God, and I can see I need to know Him a lot better still!”**



We give thanks to God for His faithfulness and for the growth He has given. 1 Corinthians 3:7 says, **“So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God, who causes the growth.”**

*Juan José with missionary Guillermo Kampjes*

**Christmas draws near and we want to wish you the best in everything, and to thank all of you who pray, give offerings and lend practical assistance of many kinds to this ministry!**

**THANKS TO ALL!**

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